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IN CONGRESS,

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RESOLVED,

THAT the Committee appointed to ſuperintend the publication of the Journals of Congreſs be impowered and inſtructed to employ JOHN DUNLAP to continue to print the ſaid Journals, inſtead of Robert Aitken.

Extract from the Minutes,

CHARLES THOMSON, Secretary.

JOURNALS OF CONGRESS.

MONDAY, *January* 1, 1776.

A Letter from governor Trumbull, dated the twenty-third of December, being received, was read.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on captain Selleck's petition, which was agreed to, as follows:

That they have maturely conſidered the petition, and have examined captain Simeon Selleck particularly thereon, and are of opinion, that the petitioner be allowed, as a compenſation for his expences, trouble and riſk in taking the goods at Turtlebay, for the uſe of the United Colonies, the ſum of 333 dollars and one-third; and that the committee of Fairfield be directed to take into their poſſeſſion, for the uſe of the ſaid Colonies, all the goods taken by captain Selleck, which are not already delivered by him, and to forward the two boxes of ſaltpetre, now in captain Selleck's cuſtody, to the powder-mill in Ulſter county, to be manufactured into gun-powder, for the Continental ſervice.

The Congreſs taking into conſideration the report of the committee on Lord Stirling's letters, after debate thereon,

Reſolved, That it be recommitted.

The Congreſs proceeded to the election of an adjutant for the battalion raiſed in Pennſylvania, and the ballots being taken, and examined,

John Patterſon was elected.

Reſolved, That the Preſident ſign commiſſions to the field-officers appointed by the Provincial Congreſs of North-Carolina, to command the two battalions, directed to be raiſed in that colony by this Congreſs, and that ſuch commiſſions bear like date with thoſe iſſued to the ſaid officers by the ſaid Provincial Congreſs of North-Carolina.

Resolved, That, in case of vacancy occasioned by the death or removal of a colonel or inferior officer, the Provincial Convention of North-Carolina, or, in their recess, the Provincial Council, appoint another person to fill up such vacancy, until a commission shall issue from this Congress; and that they return to this Congress a list of the names of the person or persons so appointed.

The Delegates of New-York, having received new powers from their Convention, laid the same before Congress, as follows:

"*In* PROVINCIAL CONGRESS, *New-York*, *December* 21, 1775.

"*Resolved*, That the present Delegates of this colony in Continental Congress be requested to make such an arrangement among themselves, as that five of them only continue at Congress, and represent this colony at any one time; and that in case of the necessary absence of any one or two of the Delegates so attending, according to such arrangement, that three or four of them be a quorum, and enabled to represent the colony during such absence.

"*A true Copy from the Minutes*,

JOHN M'KESSON, *Secretary*."

The committee to whom the letters from General Washington, and the intercepted letters were referred, brought in their report, which being taken into consideration, the Congress came to the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the president of the Provincial council of North-Carolina, and of Georgia be requested to procure committees of their several bodies to repair immediately to Charles-town, and there to confer with a committee of the Council of Safety of South-Carolina upon weighty and important matters relative to the defence and security of these colonies.

Resolved, That it appears, the British ministry and their agents have meditated and are preparing to make attacks upon Charles-town in South-Carolina, and several places in Virginia and probably in North-Carolina; and that it be recommended to the conventions or committees of safety of the two former colonies, and to the Provincial Council of the other by all possible means to make a vigorous defence and opposition; and that it be farther recommended to the Committee of Safety of Virginia and the Provincial Council of North-Carolina to meet together and confer and conclude upon such operations, as they may think most for their mutual interest.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *January* 2, 1776.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To James Chambers, the sum of 25.8 dollars for his expences from Cambridge.

To

To Judah Alden, 50 dollars, advanced on account of expences in attending the French gentlemen.

Ordered, That the above be paid.

Reſolved, That general Schuyler be directed to have brigadier general Preſcot, lately made priſoner by the Continental forces in Canada, taken into cuſtody, and ſafely and ſecurely kept until the further orders of this Congreſs.

Reſolved, That a copy of the above be ſent immediately to general Schuyler; and that the general be informed by letter of the reaſons which induced the Congreſs to give ſuch orders.

The Committee of Claims reported, that there is due to Egbert Dumond, on account of expences in bringing the priſoners, taken at St. Johns, from Kingſton, in New-York government, to Lancaſter, in Pennſylvania, the ſum of 2326.2 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the petition of captains Paddock and Coffin, and after debate,

Reſolved, That the prayer of ſaid petition be not granted.

The committee on the ſtate of New York brought in their report, which was read.

The report of captain Motte, with regard to the diſpoſition of the officers taken priſoners at St. Johns, was laid before Congreſs, and read.

The committee, to whom the report on Lord Stirling's letters was recommitted, brought in their report, which being taken into conſideration, the Congreſs thereupon came to the following reſolutions.

Reſolved, That the Preſident acquaint his lordſhip, that the Congreſs has provided againſt the inconvenience of vexatious arreſts of the men inliſting in the Continental ſervice.

Reſolved, That the barracks in the colony of New-Jerſey be prepared for the reception of ſuch of the battalions as may not be in readineſs to proceed to New-York, and that the miniſterial troops or priſoners at preſent occupying them, be accommodated in the ſaid colony, in ſuch manner as the Committee of Safety for ſaid colony ſhall think moſt prudent and convenient.

That Mr. Lowry, the commiſſary, be directed to ſupply the ſaid battalions with ſtockings, and that the delegates for the colony of New-Jerſey tranſmit to Lord Stirling ſix dozen printed copies of the articles of war.

That conſidering not only the defenceleſs condition of the colony of New-Jerſey for want of ammunition in caſe of an hoſtile invaſion of that colony, but the evident want of the aſſiſtance of thoſe battalions for the defence of New-York, where an attack of the enemy is moſt probably to be apprehended, a requiſition be made

made by the Congreſs to the Committee of Safety of Pennſylvania of four hundred weight of powder for the ſaid battalions.

That the ſame firewood, camp equipage and barrack utenſils be allowed to each of the New-Jerſey battalions as are allowed to the battalion raiſed in Pennſylvania.

That the hundred ſtand of arms ſupplied by the colony of New-York for the New-Jerſey battalions, be paid for by the Convention of New-Jerſey; and that, in order to enable the ſaid Convention to make ſuch payment, as well as to furniſh ſuch of the men belonging to the ſaid battalions, as are yet unprovided, with arms, the farther ſum of 1000 dollars be advanced to the ſaid Convention; and that the price of the arms be deducted out of the wages of the privates belonging to the ſaid battalions.

That Lord Stirling be directed to ſeize and ſecure all the ammunition and warlike ſtores belonging to the enemy, which now are or hereafter may be imported into the colony of New-Jerſey, and keep them till he ſhall receive the orders of Congreſs reſpecting them: And further that he do, from time to time, give aid and protection to all the friends of America, who may be employed in importing into the ſaid colony ammunition, or other commodities not prohibited by the aſſociation and reſolves of this Congreſs.

Whereas it has been repreſented to this Congreſs, that divers honeſt and well meaning, but un-informed, people in theſe Colonies have, by the art and addreſs of miniſterial agents, been deceived and drawn into erroneous opinions reſpecting the American cauſe, and the probable iſſue of the preſent conteſt;

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the different Committees, and other friends to American liberty, in the ſaid Colonies, to treat all ſuch perſons with kindneſs and attention; to conſider them as the inhabitants of a country determined to be free, and to view their errors as proceeding rather from want of information than want of virtue or public ſpirit; to explain to them the origin, nature and extent of the preſent controverſy; to acquaint them with the fate of the numerous petitions preſented to his majeſty, as well by Aſſemblies as Congreſſes, for reconciliatio nand redreſs of grievances; and that the laſt from this Congreſs, humbly requeſting the ſingle favour of being heard, like all the others, has proved unſucceſsful; to unfold to them the various arts of adminiſtration to enſnare and enſlave us, and the manner in which we have been cruelly driven to defend, by arms, thoſe very rights, liberties and eſtates, which we and our forefathers had ſo long enjoyed unmoleſted in the reigns of his preſent majeſty's predeceſſors. And it is hereby recommended to all Conventions and Aſſemblies in theſe Colonies liberally to diſtribute among the people the proceedings of this and the former Congreſs, the late ſpeeches of the great patriots in both houſes of parliament relative to American grievances,

grievances, and such other pamphlets and papers as tend to elucidate the merits of the American cause, the Congress being fully persuaded that the more our right to the enjoyment of our ancient liberties and privileges is examined, the more just and necessary our present opposition to ministerial tyranny will appear.

And with respect to all such unworthy Americans as, regardless of their duty to their Creator, their country and their posterity, have taken part with our oppressors, and, influenced by the hope or possession of ignominious rewards, strive to recommend themselves to the bounty of administration, by misrepresenting and traducing the conduct and principles of the friends of American liberty, and opposing every measure formed for its preservation and security.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the different Assemblies, Conventions and Committees or Councils of Safety in the United Colonies, by the most speedy and effectual measures to frustrate the mischievous machinations, and restrain the wicked practices of these men: And it is the opinion of this Congress, that they ought to be disarmed, and the more dangerous among them either kept in safe custody, or bound with sufficient sureties to their good behaviour.

And in order that the said Assemblies, Conventions, Committees or Councils of Safety may be enabled with greater ease and facility to carry this resolution into execution,

Resolved, That they be authorized to call to their aid whatever Continental troops, stationed in or near their respective Colonies, may be conveniently spared from their more immediate duty; and the commanding officers of such troops are hereby directed to afford the said Assemblies, Conventions, Committees or Councils of Safety all such assistance in executing this resolution, as they may require, and which, consistent with the good of the service, may be supplied.

Resolved, That all detachments of Continental troops, which may be ordered on the business in the foregoing resolution mentioned, be, while so employed, under the direction and controul of the Assemblies, Conventions, Committees or Councils of Safety aforesaid.

Resolved, That it be recommended to all the United Colonies, to aid each other (on request from their respective Assemblies, Conventions, Committees, or Councils of safety and County Committees) on every emergency, and to cultivate, cherish and increase the present happy and necessary union, by a continual interchange of mutual good offices.

And whereas the execrable barbarity, with which this unhappy war has been conducted on the part of our enemies, such as burning our defenceless towns and villages, exposing their inhabitants, without regard to sex or age, to all the miseries which loss of property,

perty, the rigour of the ſeaſon, and inhuman devaſtation can inflict, exciting domeſtic inſurrections and murders, bribing ſavages to deſolate our frontiers, and caſting ſuch of us as the fortune of war has put in their power, into goals, there to languiſh in irons and in want, compelling the inhabitants of Boſton, in violation of the treaty, to remain confined within the town expoſed to the inſolence of the ſoldiery, and other enormities, at the mention of which decency and humanity will ever bluſh, may juſtly provoke the inhabitants of theſe Colonies to retaliate,

Reſolved, That it be recommended to them to continue mindful that humanity ought to diſtinguiſh the brave, that cruelty ſhould find no admiſſion among a free people, and to take care that no page in the annals of America be ſtained by a recital of any action which juſtice or chriſtianity may condemn, and to reſt aſſured that whenever retaliation may be neceſſary or tend to their ſecurity, this Congreſs will undertake the diſagreeable taſk.

Reſolved, That the Aſſemblies, Conventions, or Committees, or Councils of ſafety be requeſted forthwith to tranſmit to this Congreſs, copies of all the petitions, memorials, and remonſtrances, which have been by the reſpective colonies preſented to the throne or either houſe of parliament, ſince the year 1762, and that they alſo inform the Congreſs, whether any and what anſwers were given to them.

Reſolved, That Mr. Bartlett be appointed one of the Committee of claims, in the room of Mr. Langdon, and Mr. S. Adams, in the room of Mr. Cuſhing, who have leave of abſence.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *January* 3, 1776.

A letter from general Waſhington, dated the 25th of December, with ſundry papers encloſed, was read.

The Committee of ſafety for Pennſylvania having recommended ſundry gentlemen to be field officers of the four battalions ordered to be raiſed in ſaid colony, the Congreſs proceeded to the election of colonels, and the ballots being taken and examined, the following gentlemen were choſen,

Arthur St. Clair, Eſq. John Shee, Eſq. Anthony Waine, Eſq. Robert Magaw, Eſq.

The Congreſs taking into conſideration the report of the Secret Committee, came to the following reſolutions:

Reſolved, That the following goods and ſtores ought to be imported as ſoon as poſſible, for the uſe of the United Colonies, viz.

60,000 ſtriped blankets.

120,000 yards of $\frac{6}{4}$ cloths, brown and blue, from 3*s* to 6*s* ſter.

10,000 yards of do. different colours for facings, at 4*s*.

3,000 pieces of duffils, or ſome ſuch cloth.

100 m. ſorted needles.

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50 m. do. none fine.
10 m. do. for ſail-cloth.
3,000 pieces of raven's duck.
3,000 pieces ticklenburgs.
1,500 pieces oznaburgs.
1,000 pieces vitrey.
4,000 pieces Hamburg dowlas.
20,000 ſtand of arms.
300 tons of lead.
1,000,000 of flints.
1500 boxes of tin, and wire properly ſorted for it.
Medicines, ſurgeon's inſtruments, lint and bandages, in the whole to the amount of £ 2000 ſterling.
500 ſheets of copper of different ſorts.

Reſolved, That the Secret Committee be empowered and directed to purſue the moſt effectual meaſures for importing the foregoing articles.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of this report be poſtponed.

The Committee of claims reported that there is due,

To capt. Edward Motte, for expences, *&c.* in conducting the priſoners taken at St. John's, from Kingſton, in the colony of New-York, to Lancaſter, in Pennſylvania, a ballance of 367.7 dollars.

To Robert Erwin, waggon-maſter, for carriage of cloathing and medicines to Dobb's ferry and to Cambridge, 222.6 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The Committee on the ſtate of New-York brought in a farther report, which being taken into conſideration, was agreed to as follows:

Whereas a majority of the inhabitants of Queen's county, in the colony of New-York, being incapable of reſolving to live and die freemen, and being more diſpoſed to quit their liberties than part with the little proportion of their property neceſſary to defend them, have deſerted the American cauſe, by refuſing to ſend deputies as uſual to the Convention of that colony; and avowing, by a public declaration, an unmanly deſign of remaining inactive ſpectators of the preſent conteſt, vainly flattering themſelves, perhaps, that ſhould providence declare for our enemies, they may purchaſe their mercy and favour at an eaſy rate; and on the other hand, if the war ſhould terminate in favour of America, that then they may enjoy, without expence of blood or treaſure, all the bleſſings reſulting from that liberty, which they, in the day of trial had abandoned, and in defence of which, many of their more virtuous neighbours and countrymen had nobly died: and although the want of public ſpirit obſervable in theſe men rather excites pity than alarm, there being little danger to apprehend either from their

their proweſs or example, yet it being reaſonable, that thoſe who refuſe to defend their country, ſhould be excluded from its protection, and prevented from doing it injury.

Reſolved, That all ſuch perſons in Queen's county aforeſaid, as voted againſt ſending deputies to the preſent Convention of New-York, and named in a liſt of delinquents in Queen's county, publiſhed by the Convention of New-York, be put out of the protection of the United Colonies, and that all trade and intercourſe with them ceaſe; that none of the inhabitants of that county be permitted to travel or abide in any part of theſe United Colonies, out of their ſaid county, without a certificate from the Convention or Committee of ſafety of the colony of New-York, ſetting forth, that ſuch inhabitant is a friend to the American cauſe, and not of the number of thoſe who voted againſt ſending deputies to the ſaid Convention; and that ſuch of the ſaid inhabitants as ſhall be found out of the ſaid county without ſuch certificate, be apprehended and impriſoned three months.

Reſolved, That no attorney or lawyer ought to commence, proſecute, or defend any action at law of any kind, for any of the ſaid inhabitants of Queen's county, who voted againſt ſending deputies to the Convention, as aforeſaid; and ſuch attorney or lawyer as ſhall contravene this reſolution, are enemies to the American cauſe, and ought to be treated accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Convention or Committee of ſafety of the colony of New-York be requeſted to continue publiſhing for a month, in all their Gazettes or news-papers, the names of all ſuch of the inhabitants of Queen's county, as voted againſt ſending deputies; and to give certificates, in the manner before recommended, to ſuch others of the ſaid inhabitants, as are friends to American liberty.

And it is recommended to all Conventions, Committees of ſafety, and others, to be diligent in executing the above reſolutions.

Reſolved, That colonel Nathaniel Heard of Woodbridge, in the colony of New-Jerſey, taking with him five or ſix hundred minute-men, under diſcreet officers, do march to the weſtern part of Queen's county, and that colonel Waterbury of Stanford, in the colony of Connecticut, with the like number of minute-men, march to the eaſtern ſide of ſaid county; that they confer together, and endeavour to enter the ſaid county on one day; that they proceed to diſarm every perſon in the ſaid county, who voted againſt ſending deputies to the ſaid Convention, and cauſe them to deliver up their arms and ammunition on oath, and that they take and confine, in ſafe cuſtody, till further orders, all ſuch as refuſe compliance.

That they apprehend and ſecure, till further orders, the perſons named as principal men among the diſaffected in the ſaid county, in a ſummons for their appearance before the Convention of New-York, iſſued the 12th of December laſt, viz.

Of

Of Jamaica townſhip, capt. Benjamin Whitehead, Charles Arden, Joſeph French, Eſq. Johannes Polhemus.

Newtown, Nathaniel Moor, John Moor, ſen. Samuel Hallet, John Moor, jun. William Weyman, John Shoals, Jeromus Rapalje.

Fluſhing, John Willet.

Hamſtead, Juſtice Gilbert Van Wyck, Daniel Kiſſam, Eſq. of Cowneck, capt. Jacob Mott, Thomas Cornhill, of Rockaway, Gabriel G. Ludlow, Richard Hewlet, capt. Charles Hicks, Dr. Samuel Martin, Juſtice Samuel Clowes.

Oyſter-bay, Juſtice Thomas Smith, of Hog-iſland, Juſtice John Hewlet, capt. George Weeks, Dr. David Brooks, Juſtice John Townſend,

and all ſuch other perſons who ſhall be found in arms, or who ſhall oppoſe the carrying the above reſolutions into effect, as the ſaid colonel Heard or colonel Waterbury may think prudent to detain.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the ſaid colonel Heard and colonel Waterbury, to execute the buſineſs intruſted to them by the foregoing reſolutions, with all poſſible diſpatch, ſecreſy, order, and humanity.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 500 dollars be forthwith tranſmitted, with certified copies of theſe reſolutions to each of them the ſaid colonel Heard and colonel Waterbury, and that they on their return report to this Congreſs a true ſtate of their expenditure and proceedings.

A letter from the Committee of Frederic, in Maryland, brought by the officer who had the charge of bringing down Connolly and his aſſociates, was laid before Congreſs, and read.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the Committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania to carry into execution the reſolution of Congreſs for confining ſaid Connolly and his aſſociates in the goal of Philadelphia, and that they take their examination.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *January* 4, 1776.

Reſolved, That an additional battalion be raiſed in the county of Cumberland, in the colony of Pennſylvania, to conſiſt of the ſame number of men and officers, and to have the ſame pay and allowance as the others raiſed in ſaid colony.

Reſolved, That one company of each of the five battalions laſt ordered to be raiſed in Pennſylvania, conſiſt of expert rifflemen.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the Committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania to ſee the foregoing reſolutions carried into execution.

Reſolved, That in all elections of officers by Congreſs, where more than one are elected on the ſame day to commands of the ſame rank, they ſhall take rank of each other according to their election, and the entry of their names in the minutes, and their commiſſions ſhall be numbered to ſhew their priority.

The Congreſs then proceeded to the election of other field-offi-

cers of the four battalions ordered to be raiſed in Pennſylvania, and the ballots being taken and examined, the following gentlemen were choſen,

Lieutenant-colonels, Lambert Cadwallader, William Allen, jun. Francis Johnſon, Joſeph Penroſe, Eſqrs.

Majors, Joſeph Wood, George Nagle, Henry Bicker, Nicholas Hauſicker, Eſqrs.

The Committee of claims report that there is due,

To James Whitehead, for proviſions for the priſoners taken on board the Rebecca and Mary, the ſum of 64 dollars.

To the Committee of New-Brunſwick, per account rendered the ſum of 214.9 dollars, to be paid to William Livingſton, Eſq; and by him forwarded to the ſaid Committee.

To Furman and Hunt, of Trenton, for proviſions, horſe hire, &c. the ſum of 68.2 dollars.

To the Committee of inſpection and obſervation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, for 187,046 flints, by them purchaſed agreeable to the order of Congreſs the ſum of 737 dollars.

To ſundry perſons, per liſt, for ſigning the Continental bills of credit, the ſum of 1165.7 dollars, and that an order be given to the treaſurers for the payment of the ſame, agreeable to the ſaid liſt.

To the Committee of Frederic-Town, Maryland, for expences incurred by Connolly, Cameron and Smith, during their confinement, the ſum of 74 dollars, and that the ſame be paid to the delegates of Maryland.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid accordingly.

Reſolved, That a Commiſſary be appointed to provide the three companies ordered to Northampton, in Virginia, with rations while on their march, and during their ſtay in that country.

That the appointment of ſaid commiſſary be deferred till to-morrow.

The Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the report of the Committee on the ſtate of New-York; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſame be poſtponed till to morrow, and that the delegates of New-York be deſired to requeſt the attendance of the gentlemen ſent to Congreſs by the Convention of their colony.

Reſolved, That major Preſton have liberty to chuſe the place of his reſidence conſiſtent with former reſolutions of Congreſs, and that the preſident take his parole.

The Committee appointed to conſider what allowance ought to be made to officers who are priſoners, brought in their report.

Ordered, That the ſame be taken into conſideration on Saturday next.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *January* 5, 1776.

There being a vacancy in the firſt of the Pennſylvania battalions by

by the promotion of capt. Allen, the Congreſs proceeded to the election of a perſon to ſupply ſaid vacancy, and the ballots being taken, Benjamin Davis, oldeſt lieutenant in ſaid battalion, was elected.

Reſolved, That the ſum of ten thouſand dollars be ſtruck, for the purpoſe of exchanging ragged and torn bills of the Continental currency; that the bills, making this ſum, be of the ſame denominations, printed under the inſpection of the ſame perſons, and ſigned and numbered by the ſame ſigners, as the laſt emiſſion, and that they be lodged in the treaſury, to be applied to the ſole purpoſe aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That all Committees, and others, who have had public money put into their hands, lay upon the table an account of the expenditure of the ſame.

The Committee appointed to conſider the letter of gen. Waſhington, dated the 18th of December, and the encloſed papers, brought in a report upon that part which relates to James Lovell, who has long been, and ſtill is, detained a cloſe priſoner in Boſton by order of gen. Howe, which being taken into conſideration, was agreed to, and is as follows,

That it appears to your Committee, that the ſaid Mr. Lovell hath, for years paſt, been an able advocate for the liberties of America and mankind; that by his letter to gen. Waſhington, which is a part of ſaid encloſed papers, he exhibits ſo ſtriking an inſtance of diſintereſted patriotiſm, as ſtrongly recommends him to the particular notice of this Continent.

Whereupon *Reſolved*, That Mr. James Lovell, an inhabitant of Boſton, now held a cloſe priſoner there, by order of gen. Howe, has diſcovered under the ſevereſt trials the warmeſt attachment to public liberty, and an inflexible fidelity to his country; that by his late letter to gen. Waſhington, he has given the ſtrongeſt evidence of diſintereſted public affection, in refuſing to liſten to terms offered for his relief, till he could be informed by his countrymen that they were compatible with their ſafety and honour.

Reſolved, That it is deeply to be regretted that a Britiſh general can be found degenerate enough ſo ignominiouſly and cruelly to treat a citizen, who is ſo eminently virtuous.

Reſolved, That it be an inſtruction to gen. Waſhington to make an offer of gov. Skene in exchange for the ſaid Mr. Lovell and his family.

Reſolved, That gen. Waſhington be deſired to embrace the firſt opportunity which may offer, of giving ſome office to Mr. Lovell equal to his abilities, and which the public ſervice may require.

Ordered, That a copy of the foregoing reſolutions be tranſmitted to the general as ſpeedily as poſſible.

Reſolved, That the preſident write to gen. Waſhington, and deſire him to inform Congreſs what rank the aids de-camp of the general

ral officers ſhould have in the army of the United Colonies.

The Committee of claims reported, that there is due to Adam Fiſher, for expences attending his conducting Conolly and Cameron from Frederic, in Maryland, to Philadelphia, and his charges back again for himſelf and the men, the ſum of 156 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

The Congreſs having conferred with the gentlemen ſent by the Convention of New-York, reſumed the conſideration of the report of the Committee on the ſtate of that colony, and the ſame was agreed to.

Whereupon, *Reſolved*, That no farther fortifications be erected at Martler's-Rock, on Hudſons river, and that a point of land at Puplopen's kill, on the ſaid river, be, without delay, effectually fortified.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the Convention, or in their receſs to the Committee of Safety, of New-York, to carry into execution the above reſolution.

Reſolved, That the delegates of New-Jerſey and Connecticut be directed to take the neceſſary ſteps for carrying into execution the reſolutions of Congreſs paſſed on Wedneſday laſt, reſpecting the inhabitants of Queens county.

A memorial from the inhabitants of the town of Newport was preſented to Congreſs, and read.

Ordered, That the ſame be referred for conſideration till to-morrow.

Reſolved, That Mr. Paine be added to the Committee on general Schuyler's letters.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *January* 6, 1776.

Information being given to Congreſs that a quantity of powder was arrived at Great-Egg-Harbour; of which a part was addreſſed to Congreſs by Mr. Parſons, a part conſigned to Mr. Webſter of Philadelphia, and a part to another gentleman in ſaid city.

Reſolved, That the ſecret Committee be directed to get the powder addreſſed to Congreſs removed to Philadelphia, and to purchaſe, for the uſe of the United Colonies the other parcels of powder.

Reſolved, That one ton of the powder arrived be delivered to the Committee for fitting out armed veſſels, for the uſe of ſaid armed veſſels.

A letter from the Committee of Lancaſter, dated the 3d of January, was received, and read.

Alſo a letter from an officer in Liſbon, dated the 23d of October laſt.

Reſolved, That theſe letters, as well as the laſt received from Lancaſter and thoſe formerly received from Liſbon, be referred to the Committee of correſpondence.

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The Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the memorial from the inhabitants of Newport, and the papers accompanying it; and thereupon came to the following reſolution,

Reſolved, That the ſaid memorial be referred to the conſideration of the General Aſſembly of the colony of Rhode-Iſland.

The Committee to whom it was referred to conſider how the ſhare of prizes, allotted to the captors, ought to be divided between the officers and men, brought in their report, which being taken into conſideration, was agreed to as follows.

Reſolved, That the commander in chief have one-twentieth part of the ſaid allotted prize-money taken by any ſhip or ſhips, armed veſſel or veſſels, under his orders and command.

That the captain of any ſingle ſhip or armed veſſel, have two twentieth parts for his ſhare, but if more ſhips or armed veſſels be in company when a prize is taken, then the two twentieth parts to be divided amongſt all the ſaid captains.

That the captains of marines, lieutenants of the ſhips or armed veſſels, and maſters thereof ſhare together, and have three-twentieth parts divided among them equally or all prizes taken when they are in company.

That the lieutenants of marines, ſurgeons, chaplains, purſers, boatſwains, gunners, carpenters, the maſters mates and the ſecretary of the fleet ſhare together, and have two twentieth parts and one half of a twentieth part divided among them, equally of all prizes taken when they are in company.

That the following petty warrant and petty officers *viz.* (allowing for each ſhip ſix midſhipmen, for each brig four midſhipmen, and each ſloop two midſhipmen, one captain's clerk, one ſurgeon's mate, one ſteward, one ſailmaker, one cooper, one armorer, two boatſwain's mates, two gunners mates, two carpenters mates, one cook, one cockſwain, two ſergeants of marines for each ſhip, and one ſergeant for each brig and ſloop) have three-twentieth parts divided among them equally, and when a prize is taken by any ſhip or veſſel on board or in company of which the commander in chief is, then the commander in chief's cook or cockſwain to be added to this allottment, and have their ſhares with theſe laſt mentioned.

That the remaining eight-twentieth parts and one half of the twentieth part, be divided among the reſt of the ſhip or ſhips companies, as it may happen, ſhare and ſhare alike.

That no officer or man have any ſhare but ſuch as are actually on board their ſeveral veſſels when any prize or prizes are taken, excepting only ſuch as may have been ordered on board any other prizes before taken, or ſent away by his or their commanding officers.

The Committee on gen. Schuyler's letters, &c. brought in a farther report which was read.

Reſolved, That the conſideration thereof be poſtponed to Monday next.

A letter from gen. Schuyler, dated the 30th of December, enclosing copies of letters from gen. Montgomery and gen. Wooster being received, was read.

Adjourned to Monday next, at ten o'clock.

MONDAY, *January* 8, 1776.

A letter from general Schuyler, dated the 26th of December, enclosing a copy of a letter from general Montgomery, dated December 5th, and a list of the ordinance sent to Cambridge, also a letter from Baltimore, enclosing an affidavit of captain Horn, being received, were read.

The Congress taking into consideration the report of the Committee on general Schuyler's letters, thereupon came to the following resolutions,

Resolved, That shipwrights be immediately sent from New-York and Philadelphia to general Schuyler, or the commander in chief of the forces at Ticonderoga, to be employed by him in constructing a number of batteaus, not exceeding one hundred, for transporting troops with their baggage from that place into Canada, whenever it may be found necessary.

That a sufficient number of suitable men be engaged for rowing said batteaus; and that a large quantity of provisions and stores be sent this winter to fort George.

That general Schuyler be desired to have the river St. Lawrence, above and below Quebec, well explored, and to determine upon proper places for opposing by armed boats, or otherwise, any attempts of the enemy to penetrate that country by the river; and that he give order for constructing speedily as many such boats as he shall judge necessary.

That two shipwrights be immediately sent from Philadelphia to be employed under the direction of the Committee of Inspection at Albany, in constructing scows for facilitating the passage over Hudson's river.

Resolved, That the provision heretofore made for an hospital in the northern army when it was more numerous than it is now, is sufficient.

Resolved, That the Convention of New-York be desired to send three thousand bushels of salt, besides what general Schuyler hath already ordered to be brought to Ticonderoga.

Resolved, That the governor of Connecticut, the general assemblies of Massachusetts-Bay and New-Hampshire and the convention of New-York, be written to forthwith, by the delegates of the said colonies respectively, to furnish general Schuyler with the account of money paid to any persons in the army under his command, specifying the names of those to whom the money was paid by their order.

Resolved, That the contract made by general Schuyler to allow one

one twelfth part of a dollar per day, for billeting money to every one of the men, who re-inlift in the northern army, until they can march to the place, where proviſions may be delivered to them, be made good.

Reſolved, That the officers of the northern army be accountable for ſuch public ſtores iſſued to them, as may be loſt through careleſſneſs by their reſpective corps, and that the value thereof be deducted out of the pay of thoſe who have embezzled or waſted the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs does approve of the raiſing a battalion of Canadians and of the appointment of James Livingſton, Eſq; colonel thereof.

Reſolved, That nine battalions, including that of Canadians under colonel Livingſton, be kept up and maintained the preſent year for the defence of Canada.

Reſolved, That the firſt Pennſylvania battalion under colonel Bull, and the ſecond New-Jerſey battalion under colonel Maxwell, be ordered to march immediately to Albany, and there put themſelves under the command of general Schuyler, and that the orders given for the march of three companies of colonel Bull's battalion to Accamack and Northampton be countermanded.

And to make up the reſt of the battalions voted for the defence of Canada, that one battalion be raiſed in New-Hampſhire, one in Connecticut and one in New-York; that two battalions be formed out of the troops now in Canada, and that general Montgomery be deſired to recommend proper perſons for officers in ſaid battalions; and that one of the five battalions lately ordered to be raiſed in Pennſylvania, be deſtined for Canada.

Reſolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to deviſe ways and means for furniſhing the battalions deſtined for Canada, with proviſions, and for expediting their march.

The members choſen, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Deane and Mr. M'Kean.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of the report be deferred till to-morrow.

Information being given to Congreſs that about fifty-ſeven tons of ſalt-petre were arrived at Philadelphia and about fifteen tons of powder at New-York for ſale.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to treat for the purchaſe of the ſalt-petre and enquire how it may be moſt ſpeedily manufactured into powder and report to Congreſs.

That Mr. P. Livingſton, Mr. Alſop, Mr. Jay and Mr. Lewis be directed to purchaſe, on the beſt terms they can, for the uſe of the United Colonies, the powder arrived at New-York, and forward the ſame with all poſſible expedition, under a guard to the camp at Cambridge.

Reſolved, That the Convention or Committee of Safety of Maryland

ryland be requeſted to order three companies of the minute-men in the ſervice of that colony to march immediately from thence to the counties of Accamack and Northampton, in Virginia, inſtead of the forces that were directed to go thither from Pennſylvania, and to lay before Congreſs the accounts of their ſubſiſtance and pay, which ſhall be paid out of the Continental treaſury.

Reſolved, That the Committee of Safety of Pennſylvania be deſired to ſend five hundred pounds weight of powder to the colony of Virginia for the uſe of the forces to be employed in the counties of Accamack and Northampton.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *January* 9, 1776.

A letter from Mr. M. Tilghman, with ſundry papers incloſed, alſo ſome diſpatches from governor Franklin, and a letter from C. Skinner, which were intercepted, were laid before Congreſs, and read.

Reſolved, That a letter be written to Mr. Tilghman, informing him that the Hornet and Waſp are under orders to ſail to the capes of Delaware, and that ſuch veſſels, as are ready to ſail, may take the benefit of that convoy.

That the Committee for fitting out armed veſſels be directed to give orders to the captains of the Hornet and Waſp to take under their convoy ſuch veſſels as are ready to ſail.

The Committee of Claims reported that there is due,

To Michael Conolly, for expences in conducting captain John Livingſton and lieutenant Anſtruther from Kingſton to Lancaſter, the ſum of 250 dollars.

To Richard Butler, for neceſſaries furniſhed to five Indians, the ſum of 49.3 dollars.

To Joſeph Copperthwaite, the ſum of 419.6 dollars, for expences in conducting caſh to Cambridge.

Ordered, That the above be paid.

Reſolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to enquire into the conduct of the officers who are priſoners, and the manner in which they are at preſent ſubſiſted, and report thereon.

The members choſen, Mr. W. Livingſton, Mr. Dyer, and Mr. Floyd.

Ordered, That a certified copy of the intercepted letter of Mr. Cortland Skinner be ſent to the Committee of Safety for New-Jerſey.

That orders be ſent to lord Stirling to take with him a ſufficient force, and immediately apprehend and keep in ſafe cuſtody the ſaid Cortland Skinner, of Amboy, till further orders from this Congreſs.

That

That he carry ſaid Cortland Skinner before the Committee of Safety of the colony of New-Jerſey for examination.

That the ſaid Committee be deſired to tranſmit his examination to Congreſs.

Reſolved, That the militia raiſed in the counties of Orange and Ulſter, in the colony of New-York, by order of the Congreſs, for the ſupport of the fort lately erected on Hudſon's river, be diſcharged, except thoſe ſtationed in the fort, who ſhall alſo be diſcharged whenever other troops arrive there to ſupply their places; and that it be recommended to the Committee of Safety of ſaid colony to ſee that this reſolve be carried into execution.

Reſolved, That 500,000 dollars be ſent to the pay-maſter general for the uſe of the army in the Maſſachuſetts-Bay.

That the Delegates of Pennſylvania be directed to count and forward the ſame with all convenient ſpeed under a guard of an officer and two men.

The Congreſs reſuming the conſideration of the report of the Committee on general Schuyler's letters, &c. thereupon came to the following reſolutions,

Reſolved, That colonel V. Schaick, lieutenant colonel Yates, and major Ganſevoort be continued in the ſervice of the United Colonies, and that they take the command of the battalion to be levied in the colony of New-York.

That captain Lamb be appointed commander of the artillery in the northern department with the rank of major, and that he be allowed 50 dollars per month from the firſt day of the preſent month, as a reward for his activity and ſpirited conduct in the laſt campaign.

That no poſtage be paid for any letters to or from private ſoldiers, while engaged in actual ſervice in the defence of the United Colonies; and that ſuch letters be franked by ſome perſon authorized for that purpoſe, by the commanding officer of the department.

That a letter be written to general Schuyler by the Preſident, informing him, that it is the opinion of Congreſs, he ſhould proceed to have the conduct of lieutenant Halſey enquired into by a court-martial, giving him previous notice to appear in his own defence, and that ſuch ſentence ſhould be paſſed on him, as ſuch court martial ſhall think juſt, and if the ſaid lieutenant Halſey ſhall decline to ſubmit his conduct to ſuch examination and ſentence, that then all arrears of pay due to him be ſtopped; to enable him to give diſcharges to ſuch officers as have quitted the ſervice; to aſſure him that we have great confidence in his attention to the public intereſt, and rely that he will give to the proper officers in his department ſuch orders, as will procure indemnification to the public for any embezzlement or waſte of its ſtores, or monies; to empower him to remit to ſuch of the troops raiſed in

the colony of New-York, as may re-inlift, any right we may have to ftop wages for under cloaths delivered to them; to defire he will communicate to Mr. Price the fenfe this Congrefs have of his friendly offices to general Montgomery, in favour of the American caufe, to return him our thanks for the fame, and affure him immediate meafures fhall be taken for replacing the monies he has advanced; to notify to colonel Eafton our approbation of his late fervices, and that we fhall retain in our minds a juft fenfe of them.

That general Schuyler be directed to appoint Mr. John M'Pherfon a major in one of the battalions ordered to be raifed out of the troops in Canada.

That a conductor of artillery, a fuperintendant of the arms, a barrack-mafter, and ftore-keeper be appointed to the northern army, and that general Schuyler be defired to recommend proper perfons to Congrefs for thofe offices.

That the deputy pay-mafter general have liberty to appoint under him two affiftant pay-mafters, who fhall each receive 26⅔ dollars per month, for their trouble and fervices.

That all the officers and foldiers in the northern department be paid in perfon by the deputy pay-mafter general, or the affiftants to be appointed by him in confequence of the foregoing refolve.

That a communication be forthwith opened between Skenesborough and fort Ann, and that Woodcreek be cleared for that purpofe.

That it be recommended to the Committee of fafety of the province of New-York to appoint proper perfons to enquire into the propriety and practicability of obftructing or leffening the depth of water in the Narrows, or in any other place at the entrance of New-York, or of any way of fortifying that pafs, fo as to prevent the entrance of the enemy; and alfo to enquire whether the depth of water in Hudfon's river, below the battery, may not eafily be leffened, fo as to prevent large fhips paffing up, and to make an eftimate of the expence, and report their proceedings in the premiffes immediately to Congrefs.

That to-morrow be aſſigned for the choice of two brigadier generals, viz. one for the army in Maffachufetts-Bay, and the other for the army in the northern department.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *January* 10, 1776.

A letter from Rachel Stelle, with an account for the fubfiftence of officers, was laid before Congrefs.

Ordered, That the fame be referred to the committee on the conduct of officers, &c.

Refolved, That the commiffioners for Indian affairs in the northern department be directed to pay the rev. Mr. Wheelock 500 dollars, agreeable to a refolution of Congrefs paffed the 12th day of July laft.

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The committee appointed to deviſe ways and means for facilitating the march of the battalions deſtined for Canada, brought in their report, which was read, and the Congreſs therewith concurring,

Reſolved, That three firſt lieutenants, eight ſecond lieutenants, one enſign, and a quarter-maſter, be appointed to ſupply the vacancies in colonel Bull's battalion.

That for the ſaid battalion there be provided 688 caps, 688 pair of mittens, 688 pair of ſtockings, 688 pair of leggings, 688 pair of ſhoes, 688 haverſacks, 688 ſlings for firelocks, 1200 ſhirts, 688 waiſtcots, 500 pair of breeches, 300 blankets, 64 pitching axes, and 9 baggage waggons.

That for colonel Maxwell's battalion there be provided 688 haverſacks, 688 cartouch boxes, and croſs belts, 688 tomahawks, 64 pitching axes, and 9 baggage waggons.

That both battalions be paid up to the firſt day of February next.

That the battalions march by companies, and that the companies follow each other at the diſtance of one day's march; that the quarter-maſters and commiſſaries precede their reſpective battalions a few days, in order to provide lodgings and proviſions on the road.

That the colonels be allowed ſix rations.

Lieutenant-colonels, five ditto.

Majors, 4 ditto.

Captains, 3 ditto.

Subaltern and ſtaff officers, two ditto,

or money in lieu thereof.

That it be recommended to the Committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania to ſupply colonel Bull's battalion with the foregoing articles, or ſuch of them as they have not already provided them with, agreeable to former reſolutions of Congreſs; and that all the articles furniſhed the men, more than thoſe allowed in lieu of bounty, be deducted out of their pay.

That Thomas Lowry be directed to provide the articles for col. Maxwell's battalion, and that all the articles furniſhed the men, more than thoſe allowed in lieu of bounty, be deducted out of their pay.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Thomas Lowry, for the ſum of 35,000 dollars, for the uſe of the battalions raiſed in New-Jerſey, he to be accountable for the ſame.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congreſs proceeded to the election of two brigadier generals, and the ballots being taken and examined, Joſeph Fry, Eſq. was elected for the army in the Maſſachuſett's Bay, Benedict Arnold, Eſq. for the army in the northern department.

The Committee of ſafety for Pennſylvania, having recommended

ed a number of perſons for field officers to the ſixth battalion ordered to be raiſed in ſaid colony, the Congreſs proceeded to the election, and the ballots being taken and examined,

William Irwine, Eſq. was elected colonel,

Thomas Hartley, Eſq. lieutenant-colonel,

James Dunlap, Eſq. major.

Reſolved, That another battalion be raiſed in New-Jerſey, on the ſame terms as the other two raiſed in the ſaid colony.

Reſolved, That the pay of the troops ſerving in and deſtined for Canada, be the ſame as that of the army at Cambridge; and that this pay commence to the Pennſylvania and New-Jerſey battalions, from the time they ſet out on their march to Canada.

The Congreſs conſidering the great diſtance from colonel Heard to colonel Waterbury, the difficulty of co-operating with each other in their expedition into Queen's county, thereupon,

Reſolved, That lord Stirling be deſired to furniſh colonel Heard with three companies under his command, who are to join colonel Heard with the minute-men by him raiſed, and proceed as ſoon as may be on the expedition into Queen's county, for which colonel Heard and colonel Waterbury were appointed, and that colonel Heard be deſired to ſend immediately an expreſs to colonel Waterbury with a copy of this reſolution, and inform him that his ſervice will not be required on this occaſion.

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into conſideration the ſtate of theſe Colonies, and report as ſoon as poſſible what number of forces in their opinion will be neceſſary for the defence of the ſame.

The members choſen, Mr. Duane, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hooper, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. Wilſon.

Reſolved, That the colony of North-Carolina be ſupplied with one ton of powder by the Secret Committee.

The Committee of claims reported that there is due,

To the Committee of the upper diſtrict of Frederic county, Maryland, the ſum of 800.1 dollars, to be paid to Daniel Heſter; of which 571 dollars to be charged to captain Creſſop's company, 77⅓ dollars to captain Price's company, and the remainder to the Continent.

To Furman and Hunt, for proviſions, &c. furniſhed to priſoners, the ſum of 178.2 dollars.

To William Shad, for attendance as meſſenger to the 4th of December, 1775, the ſum of 52 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *January* 11, 1776.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the Convention or Committee of ſafety of New-York, to endeavour to obtain a releaſe of lieutenant

lieutenant Tiley, of brigadier Wooſter's regiment, now confined on board the Aſia man of war, by exchanging for him an officer of the ſame rank of the Britiſh troops in our cuſtody.

Reſolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare inſtructions to the officers in the recruiting ſervice.

The members choſen, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Dyer, and Mr. Harriſon.

The Congreſs taking into conſideration the report of the Committee on the bills of credit, emitted by this Congreſs, thereupon came to the following reſolution,

Whereas it appears to this Congreſs that ſeveral evil diſpoſed perſons, in order to obſtruct and defeat the efforts of the United Colonies, in defence of their juſt rights, have attempted to depreciate the bills of credit emitted by the authority of this Congreſs,

Reſolved, therefore, That if any perſon ſhall hereafter be ſo loſt to all virtue and regard for his country, as to refuſe to receive ſaid bills in payment, or obſtruct and diſcourage the currency or circulation thereof, and ſhall be duly convicted by the Committee of the city, county, or diſtrict, or in caſe of appeal from their deciſion, by the Aſſembly, Convention, Council or Committee of ſafety of the colony where he ſhall reſide, ſuch perſon ſhall be deemed, publiſhed, and treated as an enemy of his country, and precluded from all trade or intercourſe with the inhabitants of theſe colonies.

Ordered, That the foregoing reſolve be immediately publiſhed.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of the Committee of Safety of Pennſylvania, for the ſum of 6000 dollars, for the uſe of the firſt Pennſylvania battalion, the ſaid Committee to be accountable for the ſame.

A repreſentation of the field officers of the Pennſylvania battalions, ſetting forth the inconveniencies that will ariſe from the battalions conſiſting of ſeven battalion-companies, was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Ordered, That the ſame be referred for conſideration till to-morrow.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *January* 12, 1776.

The Committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Henry Dewſon, for proviſions to captain Roſs's company, the ſum of 27.5 dollars.

From Turbett Francis, Eſq. one of the commiſſioners for Indian affairs in the northern department, a ballance in his hands amounting to 194 dollars.

To Volkert P. Douw, another of the commiſſioners of ſaid department, expences attending the treaty at Albany, a ballance amounting to 2171.9 dollars, and that there will remain in his hands two matraſſes, about fifteen gallons of wine, ſome ſpirits, and ſome boards, belonging to the colonies.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſums due to Henry Dewſon, and Volkert P. Douw, Eſq. be paid; the latter through the hands of James Duane, Eſq.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the conduct of the officers who are priſoners, and the manner in which they are at preſent ſubſiſted, brought in their report, which was agreed to, as follows:

Reſolved, That the conduct of the officers at Trenton, though in other reſpects unexceptionable, is, as to their manner of living, exceedingly extravagant, they being boarded at taverns, and the innkeepers ſupplying them in a luxurious manner, on the credit of the Continent.

That the Congreſs will, for the future, allow 2 dollars per week for the board and lodgings of officers, who are priſoners (for which ſum they may have decent lodgings) to be repaid by the officers before they are releaſed from their captivity.

That the accounts of the ſeveral innkeepers againſt the officers be paid by the Continent, which are alſo to be repaid by the ſaid officers before their diſcharge.

That no tavern keeper ſupply the ſaid officers for the future on the credit of the Continent.

That the officers now at Trenton be directed to remove to ſome other place at a proper diſtance from the public poſt-road.

That the officers at Trenton have liberty to chuſe the places of their reſidence, the choice being made conſiſtent with former reſolutions of Congreſs.

That a copy of the above reſolutions, together with a copy of the reſolution granting officers liberty to ſell bills for their ſubſiſtence, be tranſmitted to the ſeveral Committees, where officers who are priſoners reſide; and that the ſaid Committees be directed to apply to the ſaid officers for their bills to diſcharge the debts already incurred, and alſo to inform them, it is expected they will from time to time draw for their future ſubſiſtence.

Ordered, That Rachel Stille's account for ſubſiſtence of officers to the 4th of January, 1776, amounting to 423.6 dollars, be paid.

The Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the trade of the United Colonies, and after ſome time, the Preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported that the Committee had taken into conſideration the matter to them referred, but not having come to a concluſion, deſired leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole, to take into further conſideration the trade of the United Colonies.

A memorial from the field-officers of the firſt Pennſylvania battalion was preſented to Congreſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be referred till to-morrow.

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The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed,

Adjourned till ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *January* 13, 1776.

A letter from general Waſhington, dated January the 4th, 1776; alſo a letter from the Committee of Safety of New-York, dated January the 3d, being received, were read.

Reſolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to take into conſideration the letter from the Committee of Safety of New-York, and to confer with Mr. Romans, and report to Congreſs.

The members choſen, Mr. Paine, Mr. Dyer, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. W. Livingſton.

The Secret Committee having made report reſpecting the purchaſe of the ſalt-petre lately imported,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Committee be directed to purchaſe the ſalt-petre on the beſt terms they can, and have it manufactured into gunpowder as ſoon as poſſible.

Reſolved, That the Secret Committee be directed to ſupply colonel Heard with 200 pounds of gun-powder, to enable him to carry into execution the orders of Congreſs.

Reſolved, That John Morgan be promoted to the rank of firſt lieutenant in one of the companies of colonel Bull's battalion.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *January* 15, 1776.

A paragraph of a letter from Peter Timothy, ſecretary to the Provincial Convention and Committee of Safety of South-Carolina, dated January 5th, to C. Gadſon, Eſq; was read, informing that the ſaid Convention have reſolved to continue the Delegates, and have conſtituted any two of them to be a quorum to repreſent ſaid colony.

A letter from general Waſhington, dated the 31ſt of December, 1775, with ſundry papers encloſed, among which a draught of capt. Matthews on the treaſury of Virginia, for £ 100 lawful money advanced him by the general; alſo two letters from lord Stirling, dated January 8th and 11th, and a letter from governor Trumbull, with three papers encloſed, being received, were read.

Reſolved, That the letter from general Waſhington be referred to a Committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Wilſon.

That the letters from lord Stirling be referred to a Committee of five.

The members choſen, Mr. W. Livingſton, Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Alexander.

That the letter from governor Trumbull, with the encloſed papers, be referred to the Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Romans.

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A letter from the Committee of Safety of New-York, dated January 11th, 1776, was read.

Reſolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the ſtate of the Colonies.

Reſolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to make an eſtimate of the number of cannon, that may be wanted for the defence of the United Colonies, and to deviſe ways and means for procuring them, and that it be an inſtruction to ſaid Committee to enquire what fized cannon can be caſt in theſe Colonies.

The members choſen, Mr. Wiſner, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Paine.

Reſolved, That no bought indented ſervants be employed on board the fleet, or in the army of the United Colonies. without the conſent of their maſters.

The Committee of Claims reported, that there is due,

To Jacob Hiltzheimer, for expreſſes, the ſum of 356.1 dollars.

To Jonathan Trumbull, jun. for his expences to Philadelphia, and returning to New-York with money, the ſum of 99.7 dollars.

To Thomas Apty, for boarding ſeveral priſoners, 109.6 dollars.

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the Committee of Safety of Pennſylvania to enquire into the characters of the recruits or privates taken on board the Rebecca and Frances tranſport, and to diſmiſs ſuch of them as they judge may with ſafety to the Colonies be diſcharged.

The Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the ſtate of the trade of the United Colonies; and, after ſome time, the Preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported, that the Committee had taken into their farther conſideration the matter to them referred, but that not having come to a concluſion, they deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will, on Friday next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole, to take into farther conſideration the trade of the United Colonies.

Reſolved, That captain Matthew's draft on the treaſury of Virginia be delivered to the Delegates of that colony; and that they be deſired to receive the money, and pay the ſame to the Continental treaſurers.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *January* 16, 1776.

The colony of Connecticut having appointed new Delegates, the ſame attending, produced the credentials of their appointment, which were read, as follows,

"*At*

" *At a general Aſſembly of the governor and company of the Engliſh colony of Connecticut, in New-England, in America, holden at New-Haven, in ſaid colony, on the ſecond Thurſday of October, Anno Domini* 1775.

" *Reſolved*, by this Aſſembly, That Roger Sherman, Oliver Wolcott, Samuel Huntington, Titus Hoſmer, and William Williams, Eſqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed Delegates to repreſent this colony at the General Congreſs of the United Colonies in America for the year enſuing, and until new be choſen, that is to ſay, the ſaid Roger Sherman, Oliver Wolcott, and Samuel Huntington, Eſqrs. do attend ſaid Congreſs, and on the failure of either of the ſaid gentlemen, by ſickneſs, or otherwiſe, then the ſaid Titus Hoſmer, or William Williams, Eſqrs. are to ſupply the place or places of any or either of the ſaid three gentlemen firſt named, in ſuch manner, that three of ſaid Delegates, and three only, do attend ſaid Congreſs at any one time; and the ſaid three Delegates, or any or either of them, who ſhall be preſent in ſaid Congreſs, are hereby fully authoriſed and impowered to repreſent this colony in ſaid Congreſs, to conſult, adviſe and reſolve upon meaſures neceſſary to be taken and purſued for the defence, ſecurity and preſervation of the rights and liberties of the ſaid United Colonies, and for their common ſafety; and of ſuch their proceedings and reſolves they do tranſmit authentic copies, from time to time, to the General Aſſembly of this Colony. That the ſaid Delegates now appointed do repair to, and take their ſeats in ſaid Congreſs, by the firſt day of January next, in caſe ſaid Congreſs ſhall be then ſitting, or as ſoon after as ſaid Congreſs ſhall be convened; and that the ſaid gentlemen who are now attending ſaid Congreſs in behalf of this colony, do continue in their ſaid office until the gentlemen now choſen, and directed to attend in manner aforeſaid, ſhall arrive at ſaid Congreſs.

" *A true copy of record, examined by*

GEORGE WYLLYS, *Secretary*."

A letter from Mr. Lewis, dated January 8th, was read, recommending a ſtranger to the notice of Congreſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the Committee on the Qualifications of perſons applying for offices.

Reſolved, That a member, in the room of Mr. Dyer, be added to the Committee appointed to draw up inſtructions to the officers employed in the recruiting ſervice.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral petitions of gentlemen, praying to be appointed officers in the Pennſylvania battalions, be referred to the Committee on Qualifications.

Application being made in behalf of Mr. Jugé and the owner of a veſſel lately arrived in Delaware, for leave to export proviſions to the amount of the cargoes by them imported,

Reſolved, That this be referred to the Secret Committee.

Resolved, That two members be added to the secret Committee.

The members chosen, Mr. Hewes and Mr. Alexander.

The Committee on the state of the Colonies brought in a report, which being taken into consideration.

Resolved, That another battalion be raised in the colony of North-Carolina, in order to defeat any attempt which may be made in opposition to the measures recommended by the Continental Congress.

Resolved, That the farther consideration of the report be referred till to-morrow.

The Committee having desired leave to sit again, the same was granted.

Resolved, That to morrow be assigned for taking into consideration, in a Committee of the whole, the propriety of opening the ports after the first of March next.

The delegates of South-Carolina having informed the Congress, that their colony, being in want of seaman, had given orders to offer high wages to such as would engage in their service, desired the advice and opinion of Congress on this matter.

Resolved, That it be referred to a Committee of five.

The members chosen, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Paine, Mr. Morris and Mr. Floyd.

Resolved, That the naval Committee be empowered to purchase a small vessel for a tender.

The Committee appointed to procure powder from Providence, brought in a report, with an account of a cargo provided for that purpose by Willing and Morris, amounting to 3233.2 dollars; whereupon,

Resolved, That the said Committee be authorised to give such orders to the captain of the vessel, as they may think proper.

That an order be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Willing and Morris, for the said sum of 3233.2 dollars.

The Committee on gen. Washington's letters brought in a report which being taken into consideration, the Congress thereupon came to the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the paymaster general of the army at Cambridge be empowered to draw bills upon the President of the Congress, or, in their recess, upon the Committee of Congress for that purpose appointed, for any sums of money which may be deposited in his hands not exceeding, in any one month, the monthly expence of the army, and that such bills counterſigned by the general or commander in chief of the said army be accepted and paid.

That the free Negroes who have served faithfully in the army at Cambridge may be reinlisted therein, but no other.

That if gen. Washington think proper, colonel R. Gridley be continued chief engineer in the army at Cambridge.

That the pay of the assistant engineers in the army at Cambridge be 26 dollars and two thirds per month.

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The Committee having desired leave to sit again, the same was granted.

Resolved, That four members be added to the Committee on the Qualifications, &c. in the room of those absent.

The members chosen, Mr. Wolcott, for Connecticut, in the room of Mr. Dyer, Mr. Duane, for New-York, in the room of Mr. Jay, Mr. M'Kean, for the lower Counties on Delaware, in the room of Mr. Rodney, and Mr. Rogers, for Maryland.

Resolved, That Thursday next be assigned for taking into consideration the report of the Committee on Indian affairs.

Resolved, That a list of the Committees who have not reported, be prepared and laid on the table.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *January* 17, 1776.

A Petition from Dr. Benjamin Church was presented to Congress, and read.

Resolved, That the same be referred to a Committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Paca, and Mr. Hooper.

A petition from Ibbetson Hamar, a prisoner at Trenton, was presented to Congress and read, praying for leave to reside at Mr. Stainforth's near Prince-Town.

Resolved, That the same be granted.

A memorial from the captains and subalterns of the first Pennsylvania battalion was presented to Congress and read complaining of the conduct of their colonel.

Resolved, That the same be referred to the Committee of Qualifications, and that they be directed to hear the parties, and report to Congress.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congress resolved itself into a Committee of the whole, to take into consideration the propriety of opening the ports after the first of March next, and after some time, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported, that the Committee had taken into consideration the matter to them referred, and had come to a resolution, which he read in his place, and delivered in.

The report being again read.

Ordered, To lie on the table.

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed, to consider under what regulations and restrictions the trade of the United Colonies ought to be carried on after the first of March next.

The members chosen, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Morris, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Adams and Mr. Sherman.

Resolved, That a member be added to the Committee appointed to confer with Mr. Romans.

The member chosen, Mr. Wolcott.

The Committee appointed to prepare instructions for the officers in the recruiting service brought in their report, which being taken into

into conſideration, the Congreſs thereupon came to the following reſolutions,

Reſolved, That the colonels of the ſeveral battalions ordered to be raiſed do immediately order their officers, on recruiting ſervice to ſuch parts where they are beſt known, and have the greateſt probability of ſucceſs.

That the recruiting officers ought to be careful to inliſt none but healthy, ſound and able bodied men, and not under ſixteen years of age.

That the colonels of the ſeveral battalions aforeſaid appoint ſome place or places of rendezvous, to which the recruits may be ſent, and where the battalions may be quartered.

That the greateſt attention ought to be paid to the behaviour of the troops in quarters, that they may give no reaſonable cauſe of complaint.

That the quarters of the troops be duly diſcharged once every week.

That an allowance of one dollar and a third of a dollar per man be made to the recruiting officers in lieu of their expences in recruiting, excluſive of the ſubſiſtance money allowed them. And that in caſe any man be inliſted contrary to the foregoing regulations, the pay they may have received, and the ſubſiſtance money that may be paid for them, ſhall be ſtopped from the pay of ſuch recruiting officers.

That the colonels of the ſeveral battalions to be raiſed in Pennſylvania, be ſupplied with money for the recruiting ſervice by the Committee of ſafety of ſaid colony, and diſburſe the ſame to the ſeveral recruiting officers; the colonels and other officers to be accountable for what they ſhall receive, and all arrears, they may fall into, to be ſtopped from their pay.

Reſolved, That the ſum of one dollar and one third of a dollar per man be allowed to the officers of the firſt Pennſylvania battalion for each man by them inliſted, who ſhall have paſſed muſter.

Reſolved, That the treaſurers be empowered to advance to Mr. Regonville a ſum not exceeding 400 dollars, taking his draught or bill on his agent in Canada for the ſame.

A letter from gen. Schuyler, dated January the 13th, encloſing copies of letters from gen. Wooſter, colonel Arnold, and others, were laid before Congreſs and read, containing an account of an unſucceſsful attempt made to gain poſſeſſion of Quebec by ſtorm, on the 31ſt of December, and of the death of gen. Montgomery.

The Committee to whom the matter of South-Carolina, reſpecting the engaging of ſeamen, was referred, brought in their report, which was read.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

THURSDAY, *January* 18, 1776.

The Committee to whom the petition of Dr. Church was referred

ed, brought in their report, which being taken into conſideration

Reſolved, That gov. Trumbull be deſired to give order for the removal of Dr. Church to ſome more comfortable place of confinement, than that where he now is, if ſuch can be found in that colony; and that for the advancement of his health, the ſaid Dr. Church be permitted to ride out at proper ſeaſons under a truſty guard, who will be careful to prevent his carrying on any correſpondence, or doing any act prejudicial to the ſafety and welfare of the United Colonies.

A letter from the Committee of Frederick-town, Maryland, enclоſing ſundry intercepted letters, found upon Dr. John Smith, one of Connolly's aſſociates, being brought by the guard who had the charge of bringing down ſaid Smith, was laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the Committee of ſafety for the colony of Pennſylvania, to take the examination of ſaid Dr. Smith, and then commit him to ſafe and cloſe confinement.

Reſolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to take into conſideration the letter from gen. Schuyler, of the 13th of January, with the enclоſures, and report thereon to Congreſs.

The members choſen, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Ward, and Mr. S. Adams.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *January* 19, 1776.

Reſolved, That five members be elected for the Committee of claims in the room of thoſe who are abſent.

The members choſen, Mr. Wolcott, for Connecticut, in the room of Mr. Deane, Mr. Floyd, for New-York, in the room of Mr. Lewis, Mr. M'Kean, for the Lower Counties on Delaware, in the room of Mr. Rodney, Mr. Rogers, for Maryland, in the room of Mr. Johnſton, Mr. E. Rutledge, for South-Carolina, in the room of Mr Gadſden.

The committee to whom the letters from Lancaſter were referred, brought in an anſwer which was read, and approved.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed and forwarded.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the matter of South-Carolina, reſpecting ſeamen; whereupon

Reſolved, That it be recommended to capt. Cochran, who is arrived here for the purpoſe of recruiting ſeamen, to purſue the following plan in the inliſting ſervice, in which he is employed by the colony of South-Carolina.

That he offer to each able bodied ſeaman the wages of eight dollars per month, and that he pay to them nine dollars bounty, and, upon their arrival in South-Carolina, the further bounty of five dollars.

That

That captain Cochran repair immediately to the camp at Cambridge, and take the advice and direction of general Washington on this affair, and proceed to inlist his seamen in such parts of the country, as will be the least prejudicial to the Continental service.

That the president write to general Washington, acquainting him with the situation of South-Carolina, the necessity that colony is in for seamen, and desiring that he will please to forward this service.

The Committee of claims reported that there is due,

To the Committee of Berks county, for provisions, ammunition, &c. furnished the riffle-companies, £ 11 : 14 : 10, and for necessaries furnished the prisoners from St. John's, the sum of £ 8 : 13 : 11, amounting in the whole to £ 20 : 8 : 9, equal to 54.5 dollars, to be paid to Dr. Jonathan Potts.

Ordered, That the same be paid.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the delegates of South-Carolina, for the sum 10,000 dollars, which was appropriated for Indian affairs in the southern department.

The Council of safety for the three lower counties on Delaware having recommended sundry gentlemen for field-officers of the battalion ordered to be raised in that colony, the Congress proceeded to an election, and the ballots being taken,

John Haslet, Esq. was elected colonel, and

Gunning Bedford, Esq. lieutenant-colonel.

The Congress resuming the consideration of the report of the committee on the state of the Colonies,

Resolved, That four battalions be raised in the colony of New-York, for the defence of that colony, upon the same pay with those directed to be raised in the colony of Pennsylvania; and that they be stationed as the commanding officer of the New-York department shall think best, to garrison the several forts in that colony from Crown-point to the southward, and to prevent depredations upon Long-Island, and promote the safety of the whole.

Ordered, That a copy of the foregoing resolution be transmitted to the Council of safety of New-York; and that they be requested with all possible expedition to transmit to Congress the names of a number of gentlemen, at least two for each command, out of whom the Congress may elect field-officers for said battalions.

The Committee on qualifications brought in a report, which was agreed to, as follows:

That Roger Stayner and George Jenkins be appointed first lieutenants in the first Pennsylvania battalion.

That the two eldest ensigns be promoted to be second lieutenants in the room of the above.

That Robert Allison be appointed an ensign in said battalion.

That Jacob Shallus be appointed quarter-master of said battalion.

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The committee appointed to hear the complaints of the officers, and col. Bull's defence, brought in their report, which, after debate, was referred till to-morrow.

The committee to whom general Schuyler's letter of the 13th of January, with the papers and letters enclosed, was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

Resolved, That the American army in Canada be reinforced with all possible dispatch, as well for the security and relief of our friends there, as for better securing the rights and liberties not only of that colony, but the other United Colonies.

That an express be sent to the Committee of safety of New-Jersey, and an application made to that of Pennsylvania, immediately to quicken the officers employed in levying the forces directed to be raised in those colonies, and marched to Canada, and do all in their power to forward the service. And that the Committee of inspection of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, be requested forthwith to use their utmost endeavours to aid Mr. J. Mease in procuring of the householders therein, such blankets as may be spared from their respective families, for the use of the battalion destined for this important expedition at so severe a season, for which the owners shall be allowed the value of such blankets according to the estimation of the said Committee of inspection. And that colonel Bull and colonel Maxwell do without delay march such of the companies of their battalions as are now ready, to general Schuyler.

That general Washington be requested to detach from the camp at Cambridge one battalion, if the service there will permit him to spare one, with orders to march with the greatest expedition possible to Canada.

That for the more speedy raising the battalions, ordered on the 8th of January to be raised in the colonies of New-Hampshire, Connecticut, New-York, and Pennsylvania, for the defence of Canada, it be recommended to the General Assemblies, Conventions, or Councils or Committees of safety of those colonies respectively, to exert their utmost endeavours in raising the said battalions, upon the same pay and subsistence as the army at Cambridge, and to furnish them with provisions, ammunition, and other necessaries, for expediting their march to Canada. And for further encouraging the men more cheerfully to enter into the service of their country, to give a bounty of six dollars and two-thirds to every able bodied effective man, properly clothed for the service, and having a good firelock, with a bayonet, and other accoutrements, and four dollars to every soldier not having the like arms and accoutrements; the arms to be supplied by the colony, and the cost to be deducted out of the soldiers pay; and also to provide a blanket and haversack for every inlisted soldier, and moreover to advance one months

month's pay to every officer and ſoldier before their march, that they may be able to purchaſe neceſſary cloathing.

That the firſt two companies which ſhall be complete of every battalion do march to that country ſo ſoon as they ſhall be ready, and be followed in the ſame numbers, with like expedition, by the reſt of the corps. And that it be recommended to the General Aſſemblies, Conventions, and Councils or Committees of ſafety of the colonies in which battalions are directed to be raiſed, that they reſpectively attend to this buſineſs.

The Committee deſired leave to ſit again, which was granted.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *January* 20, 1776.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of the Committee of ſafety for Pennſylvania, for the ſum of 15000 dollars, for the uſe of the five battalions to be raiſed in ſaid colony; the ſaid committee to be accountable.

The Committee of claims reported that there is due,

To capt. Henry Shylock, for his expences in bringing Dr. John Smith from Hagar's-town, and for his expences in returning home, the ſum of 89.3 dollars.

To John Nelſon, for his expences in bringing the ſaid Dr. John Smith from the Little Meadows to Hagar's-town, and for his trouble in attending him to this city, with allowance of expences in returning home, the ſum of 75 dollars.

To Francis Johnſon, Eſq. for ſundry expences incurred by guards for powder, waggons, &c. the ſum of 38 dollars.

To Thomas Dewees, for ſupporting ſeveral priſoners the ſum of 43.2 dollars.

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

A memorial from colonel Bull was preſented to Congreſs and read, praying for leave, on account of ill treatment he had received from many officers of his corps, to reſign his commiſſion.

The committee on general Schuyler's letter brought in a farther report, which being taken into conſideration, the Congreſs came to the following reſolutions,

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be deſired to diſpatch a general officer, if he can be ſpared from the ſervice at Cambridge, to command the army in Canada.

That it being neceſſary to procure a large quantity of ſpecie for the operations in Canada, which cannot be ſucceſsfully carried on without that article, it be recommended to the General Aſſemblies, Conventions, and Councils or Committees of ſafety upon the continent, to employ proper perſons within their reſpective colonies to collect all the gold and ſilver coin they can, and inform Congreſs of the ſum collected.

That

That it will not be expedient at preſent to ſend a Committee of Congreſs to Canada:

That the Committee of Secrecy be deſired to diſpatch one ton of gun-powder with the firſt companies that ſhall march from Pennſylvania to Canada; and that governor Trumbull be deſired to ſend the like quantity of gun-powder with the firſt detachment of forces directed to march thither from Connecticut:

That the loſſes ſuſtained by captain Hazen be aſcertained by Commiſſioners to be appointed by the commanding officer in Canada, and that the Commiſſioners report their proceedings, with the examination of the witneſſes, and their own opinion thereupon, to Congreſs:

That the General Aſſemblies, Conventions or Councils of Committees of Safety of the Colonies, in which forces are directed to be raiſed for the ſervice of Canada, be deſired to raiſe for the ſame ſervice, one company of matroſſes, conſiſting of forty privates, in each colony, under proper officers; and where a company cannot be completed, to raiſe as many as they can, under ſubaltern officers, in proportion to their numbers:

That general Wooſter be deſired to take poſſeſſion of the medicine cheſt mentioned by colonel Campbell, to be claimed by doctor Beaumont; and if it appear to him to be private property, to pay the value thereof to the owner:

That the General Aſſemblies, Conventions, or Councils or Committees of Safety be deſired to take the moſt effectual meaſures for recovering the arms, accoutrements, batteaus, tools, and other ſtores of the Continent, ſaid to have been carried off by ſome of the ſoldiers, who have returned from Canada:

That 12,500 dollars be advanced to each of the General Aſſemblies or Councils or Committees of Safety of the colonies in which forces are directed to be raiſed for the ſervice of Canada, for the purpoſe of recruiting their reſpective regiments:

That from the neceſſity of the caſe, and to prevent delays, blank commiſſions be iſſued by the Preſident for the field-officers, captains and ſubalterns, who are to command the battalions ordered to be raiſed for Canada, in New-Hampſhire and Connecticut, to be filled up with the names of ſuch gentlemen, as ſhall be judged moſt proper by the Convention or Committee of Safety of New-Hampſhire, and by the Governor and Council of Connecticut:

That the foregoing reſolution be not drawn into a precedent:

That excluſive of colonel Livingſton and his regiment already determined on, there be one thouſand Canadians more raiſed, for one year, or during the preſent diſputes, at ſix dollars and two-thirds bounty and the uſual pay, which number ſhall compoſe four battalions, and form one regiment, five companies of fifty men to each battalion, one captain, one lieutenant, and one enſign to

each company, and four majors, one lieutenant colonel and one colonel to the whole regiment:

That the Committee of Safety of Pennſylvania be deſired to provide and diſpatch fifes and drums to Canada, for the two regiments directed to be raiſed in that colony.

Reſolved, That orders be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of the Delegates of New-Hampſhire, for the above ſum of 12,500 dollars; and in favour of the Delegates of Connecticut, for the like ſum of 12,500 dollars; and in favour of the Delegates of New-York, for the like ſum of 12,500 dollars; for the uſe of the battalions to be raiſed for Canada; and that the ſaid Delegates be deſired to forward the ſaid ſums to their reſpective colonies with all expedition; the ſeveral colonies to be accountable for the ſame.

Reſolved, That the Preſident be directed to ſend an expreſs to general Schuyler, with a letter, informing him of the meaſures the Congreſs have taken for the defence of Canada, and deſiring him to forward the ſame to general Wooſter:

That he likewiſe diſpatch an expreſs, with the like information, to general Waſhington, to the governor of Connecticut, and the convention or council of Safety of New-Jerſey, New-York, and New-Hampſhire.

The Committee on Qualifications, having recommended the following perſons for enſigns in the firſt Pennſylvania battalion, viz.

Nicholas Scull,	John Brice,
Joſeph Greenway,	Richard Rice,
John Irvine,	Major Wallbroon,

the ſame were agreed to, and commiſſions ordered to be given them accordingly.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſupply the delegates of New-Jerſey with 300 pounds of powder, for the uſe of colonel Maxwell's battalion.

Ordered, That Timothy Matlack deliver to the delegates of New-Jerſey, or their order, a quantity of flints, for the uſe of ſaid battalion, and ball or lead proportioned to 300 pounds of powder.

That the treaſurers with all expedition ſend a truſty perſon with £ 1000 in Continental bills to Samuel Patterſon, Eſq; and receive in exchange for the ſame ſo much in ſilver and gold.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *January* 22, 1776.

Sundry letters, viz. one from general Waſhington, of the 11th of January, two from lord Stirling, one of the 18th and another of the 19th of January, one from gen. Schuyler, of the 10th of January, and one from the committee of Trenton, of the 19th of January, alſo a petition from John Sparling, being received, were read.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That the above letters be referred to a Committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. Hooper, and Mr. Adams.

Resolved, That the President be empowered to employ a private secretary, to be paid by the United Colonies.

The Committee of Claims reported, that there is due,

To Benedict Arnold, on account of his expences in his expedition against Crownpoint and Ticonderoga, a ballance amounting to 819 dollars, to be paid to Silas Deane, Esq;

Ordered, That the same be paid.

Resolved, That the Committee of Trenton be desired to send general Prescot and captain Chace under a guard to Philadelphia.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to consider a proper method of paying a just tribute of gratitude to the memory of general Montgomery:

The members chosen, Mr. Livingston, Doctor Franklin and Mr. Hooper.

The Congress proceeded to the election of field-officers for the second Canadian regiment, and

Moses Hazen, Esq; was elected colonel,

Edward Antil, Esq; lieutenant colonel.

Resolved, That the United Colonies will indemnify colonel Hazen for any loss of half-pay he may sustain in consequence of his entering into their service.

Resolved, That the appointment of majors, captains, and sub altern and staff-officers in the second Canadian regiment, be left to the commander in chief in Canada, with the advice of the general officers in that country, and of colonel Hazen, lieutenant colonel Antil, and Mr. Price.

The Congress resumed the consideration of colonel Bull's application, for leave to resign his commission.

Resolved, That leave be granted him.

The Congress then proceeded to the election of a colonel for the first Pennsylvania battalion, in the room of colonel Bull, and John Philip de Haas was elected.

A memorial from captain Duncan Campbell, a prisoner, being presented to Congress, and read;

Resolved, That the Committee of Safety of Pennsylvania be empowered to take his parole, and that he have leave to reside at Lancaster.

Application being made in behalf of lieutenant M'Donnald, for leave to come to Philadelphia, and remain there five days, in order to transact some necessary business;

Resolved, That leave be granted.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, *January* 23, 1776.

A letter from general Schuyler, of the 14th of January, enclosing a letter from general Arnold, was read;

Ordered, That the Secretary draw up a narrative of the repulse our troops met with, and of the loss sustained in their unsuccessful attempt on Quebec, and lay the same before Congress.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to prepare a letter to the inhabitants of Canada.

The members chosen, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Lynch and Mr. Wilson.

Resolved, That the articles of war be translated into French, and 500 copies sent to Canada.

The Committee of Claims reported, that there is due,

To Adam Ekel, for Waggonage from Lancaster to Cambridge with captain Smith's company of rifle-men, a ballance of 43.3 dollars.

To Deborah Siddens, for provisions for captain Ross's company, the sum of 15.3 dollars.

To John Jervis, for ferriage, horse hire, &c. the sum of 12 dollars.

To the Committee of Romboiet Precinct, in Dutchess county, in the colony of New-York, the sum of 129.4 dollars.

To Robert Erwin, for waggonage, the sum of 67 dollars.

To Timothy Matlack, for cash by him paid to Archibald Dick, the expences of a guard over a powder waggon, 16.4 dollars.

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the Committee on Indian affairs, which, after debate, was recommitted.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the Committee of Safety of the Three Lower Counties on Delaware, for the sum of 3000 dollars, for the use of the battalion ordered to be raised in that colony; the said Committee to be accountable for the expenditure.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *January* 24, 1776.

A letter from the Committee of Trenton, of January the 23d, was read.

The Secretary laid before Congress an account of the repulse our troops met with in their attempt on Quebec, the 31st of December, which was read.

Ordered, That the same be published.

Resolved, That such of the soldiers, ordered to Canada, as are married, and are desirous of having part of their pay given to their wives, be indulged; and that the captains or paymaster be directed, in future payment of such soldiers, to deduct such part of their monthly pay.

Resolved,

Reſolved, That the preſident be directed to inform general Schuyler, that the return of cannon mentioned in his letter of December 21ſt, is miſlaid, and that therefore he is deſired to make a return as ſoon as poſſible of all the cannon and artillery at Crown-point and Ticonderoga, excluſive of thoſe taken by colonel Knox for general Waſhington.

Reſolved, That Mr. Bankſon be appointed a firſt lieutenant in the room of Mr. Morgan, who is in the country.

Information being given to Congreſs that ſome ſoldiers in the firſt Pennſylvania battalion, now under orders to march to Canada, are not ſupplied with arms:

Reſolved, That the commanding officer of ſaid battalion be directed to make a return of the arms of ſaid battalion, and how many are wanting, to the preſident of the Committee of inſpection and obſervation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia:

That the ſaid committee be deſired to uſe their utmoſt influence to provide good arms for ſuch of ſaid battalion as may want them.

Reſolved, That a committee of ſeven be appointed to conſider the propriety of eſtabliſhing a war-office, and the powers with which the ſaid office ſhould be veſted.

The members choſen, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Franklin, Mr. E. Rutledge, Mr. Harriſon, Mr. Ward, Mr. S. Adams, and Mr. Morris.

The committee appointed to prepare a letter to the inhabitants of Canada reported a draft, which being read and conſidered, was approved.

Ordered, That the ſame be immediately tranſlated and printed.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Carpenter Wharton, for the ſum of 1000 dollars, to enable him to ſupply the firſt Pennſylvania battalion with proviſions on their march to Albany; he to be accountable.

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare an addreſs to the inhabitants of the United Colonies.

The members choſen, Mr. Dickinſon, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Duane, and Mr. Alexander.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of colonel Hazen, for the ſum of 533⅓ dollars, he to be accountable.

That a like order be drawn in favour of colonel Antil, for the ſum of 200 dollars.

That the ſum of 2666⅔ dollars, in ſpecie, be advanced to colonel Hazen, for the uſe of the battalion to be by him raiſed in Canada, he to be accountable.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *January* 25, 1776.

Sundry letters, viz. one from the Committee of Trenton, dated the 23d of January; one from Ibetſon Hamar, and from Dr. Richard Huddleſton, of the ſame date; and one from the Committee of Lancaſter,

Lancaſter, of the 22d of January, were read, and referred to the Committee of correſpondence.

A letter from colonel Maxwell, reſpecting the unprepared ſtate of his battalion, being read,

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of the Committee of Trenton, for the ſum of 4000 dollars, to purchaſe arms for colonel Maxwell's battalion, the ſaid committee to be accountable.

Reſolved, That the preſident write to the ſaid committee, and to Mr. Lowry, ſtimulating them to furniſh colonel Maxwell's battalion with the articles neceſſary for their march; and that the preſident write to colonel Maxwell, and direct him to ſend forward to Albany the firſt company that can be got ready, and that he cauſe the other companies to march with like expedition, one at a time, as faſt as they can be got ready.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take the examination of brigadier general Preſcot and captain Chace, who are arrived at Philadelphia, and report to Congreſs.

The members choſen, Mr. Adams, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Sherman.

The committee appointed to conſider of a proper method of paying a juſt tribute of gratitude to the memory of general Montgomery, brought in their report, which was agreed to as follows:

It being not only a tribute of gratitude juſtly due to the memory of thoſe who have peculiarly diſtinguiſhed themſelves in the glorious cauſe of liberty, to perpetuate their names by the moſt durable monuments erected to their honour, but alſo greatly conducive to inſpire poſterity with an emulation of their illuſtrious actions;

Reſolved, That to expreſs the veneration of the United Colonies for their late general, Richard Montgomery, and the deep ſenſe they entertain of the many ſignal and important ſervices of that gallant officer, who, after a ſeries of ſucceſſes, amidſt the moſt diſcouraging difficulties, fell at length in a gallant attack upon Quebec, the capital of Canada; and to tranſmit to future ages, as examples truly worthy of imitation, his patriotiſm, conduct, boldneſs of enterprize, inſuperable perſeverance, and contempt of danger and death; a monument be procured from Paris, or any other part of France, with an inſcription ſacred to his memory, and expreſſive of his aimable character and heroic atchievements. And that the Continental treaſurers be directed to advance a ſum not exceeding £ 300 ſterling, to Dr. Benjamin Franklin (who is deſired to ſee this reſolution properly executed) for defraying the expence thereof.

That Dr. Smith be deſired to prepare and deliver a funeral oration in honour of general Montgomery, and of thoſe officers and ſoldiers, who ſo magnanimouſly fought and fell with him in maintaining the principles of American liberty.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the direction of the fleet fitted out by order of Congreſs, be left to the naval committee.

A letter from general Waſhington, dated the 14th of January, being received, was read, and referred to the committee of correſpondence.

Reſolved, That Mr. James Meaſe be appointed a commiſſary to ſupply the battalions ordered to be raiſed in Pennſylvania with the articles allowed by Congreſs; and that he be allowed for his trouble, one and one-fourth per cent, in full of all charges for the money paſſing through his hands, and that he give ſecurity for the juſt and faithful expenditure of the ſame.

That Mr. Lynch and Mr. Allen take the ſecurity.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of the delegates of North-Carolina, for the ſum of 10,000 dollars, for the uſe of the battalions ordered to be raiſed in that colony.

The committee appointed to take the examination of general Preſcot and capt. Chace, made report of their proceedings:

Reſolved, That the ſaid committee be directed to make farther enquiry into the character and conduct of general Preſcot, and inſpect the letters of general Schuyler and general Montgomery concerning him.

Reſolved, That colonel Roberdeau be requeſted to relieve the guard from Trenton, who have charge of general Preſcot and captain Chace, with a truſty guard from his battalion.

Reſolved, That the fortification at Crownpoint be not repaired; and that the fortreſs at Ticonderoga be repaired and made defenſible; and that general Schuyler be deſired to make return to Congreſs as ſoon as may be, of the ſize and number of cannon, that will be neceſſary to fortify that place.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *January* 26, 1776.

A letter from general Lee, dated the 22d of January, enclosing a letter from the Committee of ſafety of New-York, was received and read.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to repair to New-York, to conſult and adviſe with the Council of ſafety of that colony, and with general Lee, reſpecting the immediate defence of the city of New-York; and that general Lee be directed to follow the determination of the ſaid committee thereupon:

That it be an inſtruction to the ſaid committee, in caſe the city cannot be defended, that they earneſtly recommend it to the inhabitants immediately to remove their moſt valuable effects to a place of ſafety:

That the ſaid committee be farther inſtructed to conſult with general Lee and the Committee of ſafety of New-York, about the fortifications on Hudſon's river, and about fortifying the paſs at Hellgate:

The

The members chofen, Mr. Harrifon, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Allen.

Refolved, That a committee of three be appointed to conſider what allowance ought to be made for paying the troops raiſed in New-Jerſey and Pennſylvania:

The members chofen, Mr. Ward, Mr. Harriſon, and Mr. Allen.

Refolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of the commiſſioners for Indian affairs in the middle department, for the ſum of 1000 dollars, the ſaid commiſſioners to be accountable.

A petition from ſundry perſons, reſpecting the inliſting apprentices, was preſented and read.

A letter from Pittſburg, dated the 15th of January with enclofed papers, was read.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *January* 27, 1776.

A letter from general Waſhington, dated the 19th of January, one from the Committee at Trenton, dated the 24th, one from lord Stirling, dated the 25th, and one from T. Lowry, dated the 24th of the ſame month, were read:

Refolved, That the ſame be referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Ward, and Mr. S. Adams.

The Committee of claims reported that there is due,

To colonel C. Wynkoop, for expences in bringing a party of priſoners from St. John's, the ſum of 765.7 dollars, of which 86.2 dollars ought to be charged to the officers of the ſaid party of priſoners:

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

Refolved, That the Committee of inſpection of Eſopus or Kingſton be directed to ſupply the priſoners there with neceſſary cloathing, and alſo to provide them with lodging and proviſions, not exceeding the rations allowed to privates in the continental army, on the moſt reaſonable terms they can.

Refolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into conſideration the report of the commiſſioners for Indian affairs in the middle department, and the ſtate of the Indians in ſaid department:

The members chofen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Paine, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Duane, and Mr. Rogers.

Refolved, That a commiſſion iſſue to Cayaſhota, giving him the rank of a colonel, and that a ſilver gorget be preſented to him.

The Congreſs taking into conſideration the report of the committee on the caſe of Mr. Jugé,

Refolved, That Mr. Jugé be permitted to export the manufactures or produce of the colony of Maryland (horned cattle, hogs, ſheep, and poultry excepted) to any port or place whatſoever, (except to Great-Britain, Ireland, Britiſh iſles, the Britiſh Weſt-Indies,

Indies, and except for the ſupply of the Britiſh army or navy in America) to the amount of the canvas imported by him into the ſaid colony; the ſaid value to be aſcertained by the Committee of inſpection and obſervation for the county of Baltimore:

Reſolved, nevertheleſs, that the indulgence in this inſtance ought not to be drawn into example, the ſame being granted to Mr Jugé on account of the peculiar circumſtances of his caſe; and that the ſaid Mr. Jugé be enjoined by the aforeſaid Committee of Baltimore, to avoid, if poſſible, all Britiſh ſhips of war and armed cutters on his voyage.

A memorial from H. Keppele and John Steinmetz was preſented to Congreſs, and read.

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Ward, Mr. Alexander, and Mr. Wythe.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to take into conſideration the matter of inliſting apprentices and perſons in debt.

The members choſen, Mr. Paine, Mr. M'Kean and Mr. Wythe.

The committee to whom the treaty held with the Indians at Albany, and the letter from V. P. Douw, Eſq; were referred, brought in their report: whereupon,

Reſolved, That in order to preſerve the confidence and friendſhip of the Indians, and to prevent their ſuffering for want of the neceſſaries of life, a ſuitable aſſortment of indian goods, to the amount of £ 40,000 ſterling, be imported on account and riſk of the United-Colonies:

That the ſaid goods, when imported, be divided among the different departments in the following proportions, *viz.* for the Northern Department, comprehending Canada, £ 13,333:6:8 ſterling; for the Middle department the like value; and the reſidue for the Southern department:

That in order to pay for the ſaid goods, a quantity of produce of theſe colonies be exported to ſome foreign European market, where it will ſell to the beſt advantage:

That the ſecret committee be empowered to contract with proper perſons for importing ſaid goods, and for exporting produce to pay for the ſame:

That the ſaid goods, when imported, be dilivered to the commiſſioners of indian affairs, for the reſpective departments, or their order, in the proportions before mentioned:

That the reſpective commiſſioners, or ſuch of them as can conveniently aſſemble for that purpoſe, ſhall, as the goods arrive, fix a price, adding to the firſt coſt intereſt, the charge of inſurance, and all other charges, and alſo a commiſſion not exceeding two and an half per cent. on the firſt coſt, for their own care and trouble in receiving, ſtoring and ſelling them to the Indian traders; but ſuch commiſſioners as are at the ſame time members of Congreſs, ſhall

not be burthened with this part of the buſineſs, nor receive any part of the aforeſaid commiſſion:

That no perſon ſhall be permitted to trade with the Indians without licence from one or more of the commiſſioners of each reſpective department:

That all traders ſhall diſpoſe of their goods at ſuch ſtated reaſonable prices, as ſhall be fixed and aſcertained by the commiſſioners, or a majority of ſuch as can conveniently aſſemble for that purpoſe, in each reſpective department, and ſhall allow the Indians a reaſonable price for their ſkins and furrs and take no unjuſt advantage of their diſtreſs and intemperance; and to this end they ſhall reſpectively, upon receiving their licences, enter into bond to the commiſſioners, for the uſe of the United Colonies, in ſuch penalty, as the acting commiſſioners or commiſſioner ſhall think proper, conditioned for the performance of the terms and regulations above preſcribed:

That to ſuch licenſed traders only the reſpective commiſſioners ſhall deliver the goods, ſo to be imported, in ſuch proportions as they ſhall judge will beſt promote a fair trade, and relieve the neceſſities of the Indians:

That every trader, on receiving the goods, ſhall pay to the commiſſioners in hand the price at which they ſhall be eſtimated; and the commiſſioners ſhall, from time to time, as the money ſhall come to their hands, tranſmit the ſame to the continental treaſurers, deducting only the allowance for their trouble as aforeſaid:

That the trade with the indian nations ſhall be carried on at ſuch poſts and places only as the commiſſioners for each department ſhall reſpectively appoint:

That theſe reſolutions ſhall not be conſtrued to prevent or debar any private perſon from importing goods for the indian trade, under the reſtrictions expreſſed in the aſſociation.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *January* 29, 1776.

A letter from gov. Trumbull, dated January the 20th, being received, was read.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of Mr. James Meaſe, commiſſary, for the ſum of 5000 dollars, for the uſe of the battalions ordered to be raiſed in Pennſylvania.

The committee to whom were referred the letter from gen. Waſhington, dated the 19th inſt. with the papers therein mentioned, and the letter from lord Stirling, dated the 24th, and the letter from the committee at Trenton, dated the day laſt mentioned, brought in their report; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the applications, made by gen. Waſhington to the governments of New-Hampſhire, Maſſachuſetts-Bay, and Connecticut, in ſuch an exigency, to raiſe a regiment in each of thoſe colonies

nies for the ſervice of Canada, were prudent, conſiſtent with his duty, and a farther manifeſtation of his commendable zeal for the good of his country; that the ready attention of the ſaid governments to thoſe applications, and the alacrity with which they undertook, and the expedition with which they proceed in the buſineſs, are additional proofs of their meritorious attachment to the common cauſe, and may produce ſignal public advantages; and that it be recommended to the General Aſſembly of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, to raiſe the like number of matroſſes, and in the like manner, and that both theſe and the additional regiment there be inliſted on the ſame terms as thoſe directed to be raiſed for this ſervice in New-Hampſhire, Connecticut, New-York, and Pennſylvania; and for this purpoſe that 12,500 dollars be advanced to the delegates of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, and forwarded by them with blank military commiſſions for the field officers, captains and ſubalterns, ſigned by the Preſident to the ſaid general aſſembly:

That the three regiments to be raiſed in New-Hampſhire, Maſſachuſetts-Bay and Connecticut, for the ſervice in Canada, be excluſive of the thirteen intended to reinforce the army at Cambridge:

That the loſs of and damage to ſuch fire arms belonging to the ſoldiers in the ſervice of the Continent, as ſhall happen, not through careleſſneſs or miſbehaviour, the value being aſcertained in a proper manner, to be provided by the general aſſemblies, conventions or councils or committees of Safety of the United Colonies reſpectively, be made good to the owners; and that their arms, after their time of ſervice expired be not detained from them:

That the alertneſs, activity and good conduct of lord Stirling, and the forwardneſs and ſpirit of the gentlemen, and others, from Elizabeth-town, who voluntarily aſſiſted him in taking the ſhip Blue Mountain Valley were laudable and exemplary; and that his lordſhip be directed to ſecure the capture until the further order of the Congreſs; and that in the mean time he cauſe ſuch part of the loading, as would otherwiſe periſh, to be diſpoſed of by ſale.

The committee deſired leave to ſit again, which was granted.

A petition from Dr. Wheelock, being laid before Congreſs, was read, and referred to the commiteee on indian affairs in the middle department.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To Hugh M'Clenahan, an expreſs from Pittſburg, for expences, &c. the ſum of 46.2 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

Reſolved, That gen. Preſcot be committed to, and kept in cloſe confinement in the goal of Philadelphia, till further orders of Congreſs.

That capt. Chaſe be remanded to Trenton, and permitted to reſide with the other officers on his parole.

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A memorial and propoſal of capt. John Nelſon, reſpecting a company of riffle-men was preſented to Congreſs, and read.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed, to confer with capt. Nelſon.

The members choſen, Mr. Morton, Mr. Wiſner and Mr Sher-

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

TUESDAY, *January* 30, 1776.

Reſolved, That Dr. Cadwalader and Dr. Shippen jun. be deſired to inſpect the room of the goal where gen. Preſcot is confined, and enquire into the ſtate of his health, and report thereon to Congreſs.

The committee appointed to confer with capt. Nelſon, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That capt. Nelſon's company of riffle-men now raiſed conſiſting of one capt. three lieutenants, four ſergeants, four corporals and ſeventy privates, be inliſted for the ſervice of Canada, on the ſame terms as the other troops ordered for that ſervice, and that they march to Canada, and join a regiment there as ſoon as poſſible; that they be allowed one quarter of a dollar per day, for their ſubſiſtance on their march to Albany.

That ſix dollars and two thirds of a dollar bounty be paid to each non commiſſioned officer and ſoldier, who is furniſhed with ſufficient arms, accoutrements and cloathing for the ſervice, upon their entering into the ſervice of the Colonies, and one month's pay to the commiſſioned officers.

That 900 dollars be advanced to ſaid capt. Nelſon for that purpoſe, and for the ſubſiſtance of ſaid company to Reading:

That the ſum of 700 dollars be ſent to the committee of inſpection at Reading; that ſaid committee pay one month's wages to the non commiſſioned officers and ſoldiers upon their arrival there, and deliver the reſidue of ſaid ſum to capt. Nelſon, for the ſubſiſtance of ſaid company in their march from thence to Albany; he to account for what money he receives with gen. Schuyler.

The officers of ſaid company are John Nelſon captain, Moſes Dicker firſt lieutenant, Adam Ott ſecond ditto, Iſaac Newkirk third ditto.

The committee, to whom gen. Waſhington's letter of the 14th of January, was referred brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That all the tent-cloth which can be procured in Philadelphia and New-York be purchaſed for the Congreſs, and that the quantity neceſſary for the enſuing campaign in the army before Boſton, be forwarded thither, if ſo much is to be had:

That it be recommended to the ſeveral aſſemblies in New-England, to aſſiſt the general in procuring arms; and that the thanks of the Congreſs be given to ſuch of them as have already done ſo:

That Mr. James Meaſe, in Philadelphia, and Mr. Lewis, Mr. Alſop

Alſop, and Mr. L. Morris, in New-York, be directed to carry the former reſolution into execution.

The committee on the enliſtment of apprentices, &c. brought in their report, and the ſame being taken into conſideration,

Reſolved, That no apprentice whatſoever be inliſted within the colonies of New-Jerſey, Pennſylvania, the counties on Delaware or Maryland, as a ſoldier in the army or navy of the United Colonies, without the conſent of his maſter or miſtreſs firſt obtained in writing; and that all apprentices now inliſted as ſoldiers in the ſaid army or navy, without ſuch conſent, be immediately diſcharged from the ſervice, on the application of their maſters or miſtreſſes, upon payment of all juſt and reaſonable charges of their inliſtment:

That it be recommended to all creditors, whoſe demands againſt any perſon who is inliſted, or ſhall inliſt, in the continental ſervice, ſhall not amount to the value of 35 dollars, not to arreſt any ſuch debtor till the expiration of the time for which he is inliſted.

That every perſon under the age of twenty-one years, inliſting himſelf in the army or navy aforeſaid, may, within twenty-four hours after ſuch inliſtment, obtain his diſcharge, by refunding the money received from the recruiting officer, and returning ſuch neceſſaries as may have been ſupplied him by the officer, or the value thereof in money.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers for the ſum of 1000 dollars, to diſcharge a draught of the paymaſter general, for ſo much depoſited with him, for the uſe of the United Colonies.

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into conſideration an application from the Committee of ſafety for New-York.

The members choſen, Mr. Ward, Mr. Paine, Mr. Paca, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Rodney.

Reſolved, That the naval committee be impowered to draw on the treaſurers for a ſum not exceeding 30,000 dollars, in order to diſcharge ſundry debts by them contracted.

Reſolved, That Mr. R. Morris be added to the committee of ſecret correſpondence.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *January* 31, 1776.

Sundry letters, viz. one from lord Stirling, dated the 27th of January; one from the Committee of Trenton, of the 30th, one from colonel St. Clair, of the 27th, and one from colonel Maxwell of the 31ſt of the ſame month, were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That a committee of two be appointed to confer with colonel Maxwell reſpecting the ſtate of his regiment, and report the means of facilitating and haſtening his march.

The members choſen, Mr. Livingſton and Mr. Wilſon.

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A report from Dr. Cadwalader and Dr. Shippen, reſpecting the room where general Preſcot is confined, and the ſtate of the general's health, was laid before Congreſs and read.

The Congreſs taking into conſideration the letter from colonel St. Clair, reſpecting the enliſtment of ſome of the priſoners at Lancaſter,

Reſolved, That the priſoners who have been enliſted into the continental army be diſcharged, and that no more be inliſted.

Ordered, That a copy of the foregoing reſolve be ſent to the committee of Lancaſter.

The committee to whom ſundry letters were referred, on the 27th inſtant, brought in a farther report; whereupon

Reſolved, That Mr. Barbarie, owner of the ſloop and cargo ſaid to have been taken by the enemy, and retaken by one of the continental veſſels of war, ought to make and proſecute his claim to the ſame before the court appointed or to be appointed, by the government of the colony to which the ſaid ſloop and cargo were carried, to hear and determine cauſes civil and maritime, where a proceſs ought to be inſtituted to confirm the recapture, and adjuſt the ſalvage.

The committee appointed to confer with colonel Maxwell brought in their report; whereupon

Reſolved, That Mr. Thomas Lowry, commiſſary for the battalions in New-Jerſey, be directed to procure all neceſſaries, except arms, for colonel Maxwell's regiment immediately; and that the coſt of the cloathing and other articles abſolutely eſſential, which the non-commiſſioned officers and privates are to pay for, be by the ſaid commiſſary procured forthwith, the coſt thereof to be deducted out of the pay of the ſaid non-commiſſioned officers and ſoldiers; and that the convention or committee of ſafety of New-Jerſey get the arms already ordered with all poſſible expedition, and afford Mr. Lowry all aſſiſtance in the execution of the above:

That the company in the ſaid regiment which is neareſt being furniſhed, be ſupplied by any arms and neceſſaries in the ſaid battalion, and marched for Canada, and that the other companies be furniſhed, and marched as ſoon as poſſible.

The Congreſs taking into conſideration the letter from lord Stirling,

Reſolved, That the private adventures of the captain and mates of the tranſport Blue Mountain Valley be delivered to them, and that they be permitted to return to England.

The delegates for Maſſachuſett's-Bay laid before Congreſs an account of their appointment, by which it appears, that the hon. John Hancock, Eſq. Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, Mr. Eldrige Gerry, Eſqrs. are elected to repreſent the ſaid colony in Congreſs, for the year 1776.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY

THURSDAY, *February* 1. 1776.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of the delegates of Virginia, for the ſum of 333⅓ dollars, for the uſe of Mr. J. Walker, one of the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the ſouthern department, the ſaid delegates to be accountable.

Reſolved, That a member be added to the committee on the ſtate of the treaſury, in the room of Mr. Cuſhing:

The member choſen, Mr. S. Adams.

Reſolved, That general Preſcot be allowed the attendance of his ſervant, and of a phyſician, in caſe his health require it.

Reſolved, That the committee of ſafety for Pennſylvania be deſired to take the parole of ſuch officers who are priſoners now in Philadelphia, and order them to their reſpective places of reſidence.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on eſtabliſhing poſts and expreſſes, and after debate,

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration thereof be poſtponed; and that in the mean while Dr. Franklin be directed to write to the poſt-maſters, and enquire on what terms expreſſes can be procured.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *February* 2. 1776.

Two letters from general Schuyler dated 22d and 25th January, accompanied with an account of his expedition to Tryon county, and encloſing ſundry diſpatches from Canada, and other papers, being received, were read, and referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. M'Kean.

A receipt of general Schuyler for £. 7829 : 9 : 0 Pennſylvania currency, equal to 20878.5 dollars, ſent him by order of the 30th of December was laid before Congreſs.

A letter from colonel Wayne being read,

Reſolved, That colonel Wayne be directed to quarter his battalion in and near Cheſter, until the farther orders of Congreſs, or of a committee of Congreſs, for that purpoſe appointed.

Ordered, That the ſecretary deliver Mr. J. Meaſe a copy of colonel Wayne's letter, ſo far as reſpects the ſupplying his battalion with neceſſaries.

The committee to whom the memorial of M. Aſpden was referred, brought in their report, whereupon,

Reſolved, That Mr. Matthias Aſpden be permitted to export in the ſloop Tryal, conſigned to him from Port au Prince, the produce or manufactures of theſe colonies, (horned cattle, ſheep, hogs, poultry, and lumber for making caſks excepted) to Port au Prince, to the amount of 1800 pounds, Pennſylvania currency:

That the above permiſſion be not drawn into precedent, and that

that Mr. Aſpden take every poſſible precaution to avoid all Britiſh men of war and cutters on the voyage.

The committee to whom the memorial of Keppele and Steinmetz was referred, brought in their report, whereupon

Reſolved, That the Memorialiſts have no juſt claim to ſatisfaction or reparation for the loſs of their ſhip and cargo, ſeized by one of the king's ſhips of war, and detained by admiral Greves and general Howe, either out of the continental treaſury, or out of the value of the cloathing ſent hither to ſupply the Britiſh troops at Boſton, and intercepted and diſpoſed of to the uſe of the American army.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take an account of the priſoners, the names of the officers, and their places of reſidence, and report the ſame to Congreſs:

The members choſen, Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wiſner.

A memorial from the rev. Mr. Samſon Occum was read, and referred to the committee on indian affairs.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, *February* 5. 1776.

Reſolved, That general Schuyler be directed to have the arms of ſuch of the troops marching to Canada, as paſs through Albany, carefully examined there; and ſuch of them as are deficient and want repair exchanged for the good effective arms taken from the tories, and to order thoſe exchanged and left, to be repaired.

The committee to whom general Schuyler's letters were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration, and thereupon,

Reſolved, That general Schuyler has proceeded in diſarming ſuch inhabitants of the county of Tryon, in the colony of New-York, as were diſaffected, and providing for the future tranquility of thoſe parts, with fidelity, prudence, and diſpatch, and at the ſame time with a proper temper towards that deluded people, and thereby performed a meritorious ſervice:

That the cheerfulneſs and ready aſſiſtance of thoſe who accompanied general Schuyler in his march to the county of Tryon, and their uſeful ſervices in that expedition, diſcovered ſuch a patriotic ſpirit, that it is hoped none of them will allow their countrymen to entertain a ſuſpicion that any ignoble motive actuated them, by requiring a pecuniary reward, eſpecially when they were employed in ſuppreſſing a miſchief in their own neighbourhood:

That the reſolution of Congreſs of the 8th of laſt month, for ſending ſhip-wrights from the cities of New-York and Philadelphia, to build batteaus at Ticonderoga, be ſuperſeded; and that general Schuyler be deſired to employ any ſuch artificers, as he ſhall think proper, in that buſineſs:

That general Schuyler be deſired to iſſue warrants for compleating

ing the regiment directed to be raiſed in New-York for the ſervice of Canada; and that it be recommended to the convention of that colony to appoint ſuch officers thereof, as general Schuyler hath nominated:

That the appointments by general Schuyler of Mr. Hubbard Brown to be conductor of artillery, Gyſbert Marſelis, Eſq. to be barrack-maſter, Mr. Peter Schuyler to take charge of the arms, and Mr. Philip Van Ranſelaar, to be ſtore-keeper at Albany, be confirmed; and that general Schuyler be deſired to inform Congreſs of the proper ſalaries to be annexed to thoſe offices:

That General Schuyler be deſired to procure ſkilful perſons to aſſiſt general Wooſter in exploring the river St. Lawrence, and to conſtruct the armed boats to be kept there, according to a former reſolution of Congreſs:

That the bounty given by general Schuyler for encouraging men to enter into the Canadian ſervice be approved, in conſideration of the ſevere climate and inclement ſeaſon:

That by the reſolution of Congreſs of the 8th of laſt month, reſpecting the proviſions and ſtores to be ſent to fort George, it was intended as general Schuyler underſtood it, that he ſhould be ſupplied with ſuch of thoſe articles as he ſhould require:

That general Schuyler be deſired to employ ſuch batteau-men as are in or near Albany, inſtead of thoſe it was recommended to the convention of New-York to procure, upon the beſt terms he can, and to acquaint Congreſs for what wages they will ſerve:

That captain Wyncoop be employed under commodore Douglaſs, in the naval department.

Ordered, That general Schuyler's narrative of his march into Tryon county be publiſhed in the news-papers.

The committee to whom the memorial of Samſon Occum, one of the Mohegan Indians, in Connecticut, was referred, brought in their report; whereupon,

Reſolved, That a friendly commerce between the people of the United Colonies and the Indians, and the propagation of the goſpel, and the cultivation of the civil arts among the latter, may produce many and ineſtimable advantages to both; and that the commiſſioners for indian affairs be deſired to conſider of proper places in their reſpective departments for the reſidence of miniſters and ſchoolmaſters, and report the ſame to Congreſs:

That the commiſſioners for Indian affairs in the northern department be deſired to enquire of Mr. Jacob Fowler of the Montauke tribe of Indians on Long-Iſland, and Mr. Joſeph Johnſon of the Mohegan, upon what terms they will reſide among the Six Nations of Indians, and inſtruct them in the Chriſtian religion.

Reſolved, That Mr. Dohicky Arundel, who was recommended to the notice of Congreſs by Mr. Lewis, be deſired to repair to general Schuyler, and that general Schuyler be directed to exa-

mine him, and if he finds him capable, and ſuitably qualified, to employ him in the artillery ſervice in Canada.

Dr. Cadwallader having, in a letter to the preſident, repreſented, that being ſent for by general Preſcot laſt Saturday night, he found him in a dangerous ſtate of health; and farther expreſſing an apprehenſion, that the dampneſs of the room may endanger the general's life, if he remains there long; it was thereupon

Reſolved, That Dr. Cadwallader be deſired to have proper lodgings provided for general Preſcot; and that general Preſcot be removed from the goal to ſaid lodgings, and there kept under a guard:

That the commanding officer of the troops in the barracks of Philadelphia, be directed to keep a proper guard over general Preſcot.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *February* 6. 1776.

A letter from the committee of ſafety for New-York was read, informing that general Clinton arrived there on the 4th inſt. but that it was apprehended his deſtination was to the ſouthward.

Ordered, That a copy of ſaid letter be ſent to the ſouthern colonies.

The Congreſs being informed that colonel Heard having performed the ſervice enjoined him, was ready to make report of his proceedings;

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with colonel Heard, and receive his report.

The members choſen, Mr. Crane, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. M'Kean.

A petition from ſundry captains of the New-Jerſey battalions was laid before Congreſs and read, whereupon;

Reſolved, That the ſum of one dollar, and one third of a dollar, be allowed to the officers of the two firſt New-Jerſey battalions, for every recruit by them raiſed, and that has paſſed muſter.

A letter from the committee of Reading in Berks county, was read, mentioning the arrival of a number of priſoners, and deſiring to know how they are to be ſupported;

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to the committee appointed to contract for ſupplying the priſoners.

Reſolved, That two members be added to the ſaid committee in the room of thoſe abſent.

The members choſen, Mr. Wilſon and Mr. Wolcott.

The committee on the regulations of trade after the firſt of March next, brought in their report, which was read.

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to Thurſday next, then to be conſidered in a committee of the whole.

Reſolved, That general Schuyler be deſired to encourage ſutlers to

to attend the army in Canada; and that they return such specie as they shall receive for the articles they supply it with, to the commissary, who shall draw orders, countersigned by the general, for the amount thereof, upon the President; by which a sufficient stock may be in hand to pay off the soldiers, and the risk and expence of sending money for that purpose may be avoided.

The committee appointed to confer with colonel Heard, laid before Congress a list of nineteen persons taken into custody by him agreeable to the orders of Congress, and brought to Philadelphia: also two oaths taken by a number of the inhabitants of Long Island; one upon delivering up their arms, and the other respecting their future conduct.

The names of the prisoners are, Benjamin Whitehead, Joseph French, John Polhemus, Nathaniel Moor, Samuel Hallet, William Weyman, John Shoals, John Willet, Gilbert Van Wyck, Daniel Kissam, Jacob Mott, Gabriel G. Ludlow, Charles Hicks, Samuel Martin, Samuel Clowes, Thomas Smith, George Weeks, David Brooks, John Townsend.

Resolved, That the said prisoners be sent to New-York, and delivered to the order of the convention of that colony, who are requested to confine or secure the said prisoners, until an enquiry be had by the convention into their conduct, and report thereof made to this Congress.

Ordered, That the committee confer with colonel Heard about the mode of sending the prisoners to New-York.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To George Kennedy, on sundry certificates by him produced the sum of 427.1 dollars, of which 338.9 dollars being for rifles, &c. furnished to captain Morgan's company of riflemen from Virginia, ought to be charged to said company, and the remainder to the continent.

Ordered, That the same be paid.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to bring in a resolution respecting the exportation of naval stores for the public service.

The members chosen, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Ward, Mr Paine, and Mr. S. Adams

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *February* 7. 1776.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Peter Webbers, an express, for the sum of 8 dollars, for the time he has been detained in town.

Two letters from Lord Stirling, one of the 2d and the other of the 5th of this month, with sundry papers enclosed were read.

Resolved, That the same be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Chase, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. Wythe.

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The Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the letter from the committee of ſafety for New-Jerſey, reſpecting the priſoners; and after debate,

Reſolved, That the ſame be re-committed to the committee who brought it in, and to the committee appointed to take an account of the priſoners:

That it be an inſtruction to the committee to examine the capitulations entered into with the priſoners at the time of their ſurrender, to have the paroles of the officers taken, to order them to their reſpective places of reſidence, to ſee that the capitulations be duly obſerved, and the orders of Congreſs reſpecting the priſoners punctually carried into execution, and finally to make a return to Congreſs of the paroles of the officers, their names and places of reſidence, and alſo the number of privates and where placed.

As only three of the former committees are now preſent, viz. Mr. Adams, Mr. M'Kean, and Mr. Smith:

Reſolved, That two more be added.

The members choſen, Mr. Wilſon and Mr. Wolcott.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Mr. James Meaſe, for the ſum of 10,000 dollars, for the uſe of the battalions ordered to be raiſed in Pennſylvania, he to be accountable:

That a like order be drawn in favour of the naval committee, for the ſum of 20,000 dollars, to enable them to diſcharge the debts by them contracted, the ſaid committee to be accountable:

That the ſum of 250,000 dollars be ſent to the pay-maſter general, for the uſe of the army at Cambridge.

The committee on the letter from Reading reported, that they have had a conference with David Franks, Eſq. agent to the contractors for victualling the king's troops, who ſays he will order rations to be iſſued to the priſoners lately brought to Reading; whereupon,

Reſolved, That D. Franks, Eſq. be permitted to victual the priſoners at Reading, and to ſell his bills to defray the expence thereof:

That directions be given to Henry Holler to furniſh ſaid priſoners with fuel and other neceſſaries.

A memorial from Murray, Sanſom, and co. Jacob Watſon, and Frederic Rhinelander of the city of New-York, was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Lee, Mr. Nelſon, and Mr. Read.

A petition of Pierre L'Farque being preſented to Congreſs and read,

Reſolved, That it be referred to the ſecret committee.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to examine the Journals and report a liſt of the matters yet unfiniſhed.

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The members chosen, Mr. E. Rutledge, Mr. Duane, Mr. Smith.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *February* 8. 1776.

Resolved, That the money voted yesterday be sent to the pay-master general, under the care of colonel Bull, and two other trusty persons.

The treasurers transmitted to Congress an account of sundry draughts by them paid, viz.

1775. August 23. One in favour of John Mease by general Washington, for 266⅔ dollars.

Nov. 27. One in favour of Dr. Franklin, by James Warren, for 7111 dollars.

1776. Feb. 2. One in favour of Cox and Furman, by ditto, for 1000 dollars.

Feb. 6. One in favour of John Beane, by ditto, for 750 dollars.

Ordered, That the above sums be charged to the account of James Warren, the pay-master general.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to contract with a proper person to supply colonel Wayne's battalion with the rations allowed them:

Also with a proper person to supply the Pennsylvania troops on the west side of the Susquehannah; and with a proper person to supply the battalion ordered to be raised in the counties on Delaware, while in that government.

The members chosen, Mr. Morton, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Wilson.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Tench Tilghman, for escorting money from Philadelphia to general Schuyler, the sum of 286.9 dollars.

To Azariah Dunham on sundry certificates for provisions to several riffle companies, 25.8 dollars.

To Melchior Meng, for waggon-hire, in carrying money to Cambridge, the sum of 76 dollars.

To Moses Gale, for the entertainment of captain Cluggage's company of riffle-men, 9.7 dollars, to be paid to Henry Wisner, Esq.

To John B. Scot, for expences in conducting general Prescot from Trenton to Philadelphia, 14.3 dollars.

To George Bunner, for waggon hire, in carrying money from Philadelphia to general Schuyler, last November, 39 dollars.

To Dennis Sneeden, for ferriage, provisions, &c. the sum of 50.6 dollars, to be paid to John Alsop, Esq.

To Jesse Jones for horse-hire, 8.7 dollars, to be paid to Mr. Dealing.

To Mark Bird for necessaries to prisoners, 5.8 dollars.

To George Meade and co. on several certificates, 104.4 dollars,

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of which 99.2 being for rifles furnifhed to captain H. Stevenfon's company, ought to be charged to faid company.

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

The committee farther reported, that Mr. M'Kean had laid before them an account of the application of 40 dollars put into his hands by Congrefs, by which it appears that there remains in his hands the fum of 15.4 dollars.

Ordered, That the fame be paid to Timothy Matlack, he to be accountable.

The committee on the difpofition of the prifoners reported the form of a parole to be figned by the officers, which being read was agreed to, as follows:

I being made a prifoner of war by the army of the thirteen United Colonies in North-America, do promife and engage, on my word and honour, and on the faith of a gentleman, to depart from hence immediately to in the province of being the place of my election; and there, or within fix miles thereof, to remain during the prefent war between Great-Britain and the faid United Colonies, or until the Congrefs of the faid United Colonies, fhall order otherwife; and that I will not directly or indirectly, give any intelligence whatfoever to the enemies of the United Colonies, or do or fay any thing in oppofition to, or in prejudice of, the meafures and proceedings of any Congrefs for the faid Colonies, during the prefent troubles, or until I am duly exchanged or difcharged.

Given under my hand, this day of A. D.

The fecret committee, to whom the petition of Mr. Pierre L'Farque was referred, brought in their report; whereupon,

Refolved, That Mr. Pierre L'Farque be permitted to load the floop, in which he imported a fmall quantity of powder and arms, with the produce of thefe colonies, (horned cattle, fheep, hogs, poultry, and lumber for making cafks excepted) and export the fame to Martinique. And that the faid Mr. Pierre L'Farque do take every poffible precaution to avoid all Britifh men of war and cutters on the voyage, and ufe his utmoft endeavours to import into thefe colonies the powder and arms mentioned in his memorial, and propofed to be imported by him.

The committee on the memorial of Sanfom, Murray, and co. &c. brought in their report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from the committee of fafety of Pennfylvania, refpecting the erecting of powder-mills, was prefented to Congrefs and read;

Ordered to lie on the table.

Refolved, That an order be drawn on the treafurers in favour of Dohicky Arundel, for the fum of 100 dollars, and that he be directed immediately to repair to general Schuyler:

That

That a quarter caſk of powder be delivered to captain Craig of colonel St. Clair's battalion, for the uſe of his company:

That the ſum of 12,000 dollars be advanced to the convention or committee of ſafety of New-York, for the uſe of the four battalions ordered to be raiſed there; that the ſame be tranſmitted by the delegates of that colony, the ſaid convention or committee of ſafety to be accouutable.

A memorial from Dr. Connolly, together with a letter from Dr. Benjamin Ruſh, reſpecting the ſtate of ſaid Connolly's health, was preſented to Congreſs and read; whereupon

Reſolved, That the ſaid J. Connolly be allowed at ſuitable times to walk in the Priſon-yard or hall, the goal-keeper taking eſpecial care to prevent his eſcape.

The inhabitants of Richmond county in the colony of New-York, having refuſed to ſend deputies to repreſent them in provincial convention, and otherwiſe manifeſted their enmity and oppoſition to the ſyſtem and meaſures adopted for preſerving the liberties of America; and as a juſt puniſhment for their inimical conduct, the inhabitants of that colony, having been prohibited by the convention from all intercourſe and dealings with the inhabitants of the ſaid county, and this Congreſs being informed by the committee of ſafety of that colony, that the freeholders of the ſaid county did afterwards, without any oppoſition, elect deputies to repreſent them in provincial convention; but as the proceedings againſt them had been ſubmitted to the conſideration of Congreſs, it was apprehended the deputies could not be received, until the ſenſe of Congreſs thereupon ſhould be communicated.

Reſolved therefore, That it be referred to the ſaid provincial convention to take ſuch meaſures reſpecting the admiſſion of the deputies, and revoking the Interdict againſt the inhabitants of ſaid county, as they ſhall judge moſt expedient; provided that the ſaid deputies and major part of the inhabitants of ſaid county ſhall ſubſcribe the Aſſociation entered into in that colony.

Reſolved, That Monday the 19th day of this Month be aſſigned for Dr. Smith to deliver a funeral oration in honour of general Montgomery, and of thoſe officers and ſoldiers who ſo magnanimouſly fought and fell with him in maintaining the principles of American liberty.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *February* 9, 1776.

Mr. Elbridge Gerry from the Maſſachuſets Bay attended and produced a certificate of the appointment of delegates from that colony; which was read, and is as follows:

"*In* COUNCIL, *January* 18, 1776.

Whereas John Hancock, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Robert Treat Paine, and Elbridge Gerry, Eſquire, have been choſen

choſen by joint ballot of the two houſes of aſſembly, to repreſent the colony of Maſſachuſetts-Bay in New-England, in the American Congreſs, until the firſt day of January, A. D. 1777.

Reſolved, That they, or any one or more of them, are hereby fully empowered with the delegates from the other American colonies to concert, direct, and order ſuch farther meaſures, as ſhall to them appear beſt calculated for the eſtabliſhment of right and liberty to the American colonies, upon a baſis permanent and ſecure, againſt the power and art of the Britiſh adminiſtration, and guarded againſt any future encroachments of their enemies, with power to adjourn to ſuch times and places, as ſhall appear moſt conducive to the public ſafety and advantage.

Read and accepted. Sent down for Concurrence.

JOHN LOWELL, *Dep. Sec. pro tem.*

In the HOUSE *of* REPRESENTATIVES, *January* 18, 1776.

Read and concurred. And the ſecretary is hereby directed, as ſoon as may be, to ſignify to each of thoſe gentlemen their appointment, with an atteſted copy of this order. *Sent up for Concurrence.*

JAMES WARREN, *Speaker.*

In COUNCIL, *January* 18, 1776.

Read and concurred.

JOHN LOWELL, *Dep. Sec. pro tem.*

A true Copy,

Atteſt. PEREZ MORTON, *Dep. Sec.*"

Sundry letters being received, were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

Two from general Waſhington, one of the 24th and the other of 30th of January, encloſing a copy of one to general Schuyler, 27th January, and a number of intercepted letters:

Three from general Schuyler, 29th and 31ſt January, and 1ſt of February, encloſing copies of two letters from colonel Arnold, and ſundry other papers:

One from governor Trumbull, 3d February, with ſundry papers encloſed;

Reſolved, That the foregoing letters be referred to a committee of five.

The members choſen, Mr. Chaſe, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Penn, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. Rutledge.

Two letters from the convention of New-Jerſey, of the 6th of February were read; the one reſpecting tea, was referred for conſideration to Monday next; the other recommending perſons for field-officers of the third battalion, ordered to be raiſed in that colony: Whereupon the Congreſs proceeded to election, and

Elias Dayton was elected colonel.

Anthony

Anthony Walton White, lieutenant-colonel.

Francis Barber, major.

A memorial from Mr. Kirkland was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Congreſs taking into conſideration the report of the committee on the ſecond memorial of Sanſom, Murray and company, &c.

Reſolved, That the memorialiſts be permitted to make ſale of their cargo of wheat, in Connecticut, or elſe to proceed on their original voyage to Falmouth in England, and a market under the office, papers and clearances, which the ſaid veſſel ſailed with from New-York in September laſt; and alſo ſubject to the former reſtrictions of Congreſs reſpecting the appointment of a commander.

The Congreſs being informed of the arrival of ſome arms, powder and ſaltpetre:

Reſolved, That the committee appointed on the 13th of laſt month to purchaſe the ſaltpetre then imported, &c. be directed and impowered to take every neceſſary meaſure to have the ſaltpetre now arrived manufactured into gun-powder with all poſſible expedition:

That two tons of the powder now arrived, belonging to the United Colonies, be delivered to the committee of ſafety for Pennſylvania, in part of the powder borrowed of them:

That one ton of ſaid powder be delivered to the delegates of North-Carolina, in conſequence of a former order of Congreſs, which has not yet been complied with:

That the committee appointed for manufacturing the ſaltpetre into gun-powder be directed to enquire into the ſtate and quantity of the arms, powder and ſaltpetre now arrived, and report to Congreſs.

A memorial from Stacy Hepburn was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members choſen, Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Nelſon, and Mr. Penn.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, *February* 12, 1776.

A letter from general Lee, dated the 9th inſt. being received, was read, wherein he informs, that a tranſport with troops was arrived at New-York, that more might be expected, and therefore that a farther reinforcement was neceſſary to ſecure and defend that place; whereupon,

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the convention or committee of ſafety of New-Jerſey immediately to ſend detachments of

their minute men equal to a battalion, under proper officers, to New-York, there to be under the command of major general Lee:

That it be alſo recommended to the committee of ſafety for Pennſylvania, immediately to ſend detachments of the four battalions of aſſociators in Philadelphia to New-York, there to put themſelves under the command of general Lee.

Reſolved, That the colonels of the battalions ordered to be raiſed in Pennſylvania, be directed to make an immediate return to Congreſs of the men inliſted, the places where they now are, and the manner in which they are appointed.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſend to New-York one ton of the powder belonging to the United Colonies, and that the ſame be delivered to the order of general Lee:

That the ſaid committee be empowered to purchaſe for the uſe of the United Colonies, on the beſt terms they can, what powder and arms arrive, belonging to private perſons; and that they furniſh with good arms ſuch of the three remaining companies of the firſt Pennſylvania battalion deſtined for Canada, as may want them, in order that they may immediately proceed on their march.

Reſolved, That fifty tons of ſalt-petre be delivered by the ſecret committee to the committee of ſafety for Pennſylvania, who are requeſted to have the ſame manufactured into gun-powder, in the cheapeſt and moſt expeditious manner; and that this Congreſs will confirm any contracts made for the above purpoſe:

That ten tons of ſalt-petre be by them ſent to Mr. J. R. Livingſton's mill in the colony of New-York, and that Mr. Livingſton be deſired to manufacture it into powder as ſoon as poſſible, and to enlarge his works, if it can conveniently be done:

That ten tons of ſalt-petre be alſo by them ſent to the council of the colony of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, and that they be deſired to have it manufactured into gun-powder, with all poſſible expedition, and ſent to general Waſhington for the uſe of the army under his command.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the committee of inſpection for the county of Cheſter, to aid colonel Wayne in procuring blankets for his battalion.

The Congreſs being informed that a gentleman was arrived from Canada, who had matters of importance to communicate:

Ordered, That the committee of correſpondence confer with him, and report to Congreſs.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *February* 13, 1776.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of John Chapman, for the ſum of 800 dollars, to diſcharge a draught of the pay-maſter general, in favour of William Thomſon

ſon Eſq. dated the 28th of December laſt; and that the ſame be charged to the account of the pay-maſter general.

Sundry letters being received were read, viz.

One from the convention of New-Jerſey, dated the 10th, and one from Meſſrs. Dayton and Barber of the 12th, and one from captain John Nevill, dated Pittſburgh, of the 1ſt of this month, and one from John Gibſon, dated 20th of January laſt.

Reſolved, That the two laſt letters be referred to the committee on the indian affairs in the middle department:

That a committee of three be appointed to take into conſideration the two former letters.

The members choſen, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bartlett, and Mr. Adams,

Reſolved, That an order for 8000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of the committee of ſafety for the three lower counties on Delaware, for the uſe of the battalion raiſing in that government, the ſaid committee to be accountable:

That an order for 10,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of James Meaſe, for the uſe of the Pennſylvania battalions; he to he accountable:

That Mr. Meaſe be directed to ſupply the troops in the barracks near Philadelphia, with wooden bowls, buckets, and other neceſſaries.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the committee of ſafety for Pennſylvania, in caſe the barracks near Philadelphia cannot contain all the troops raiſed in ſaid colony, that they cauſe part of them to be quartered in the peſt-houſe and old goal of this city.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of colonel Bull, for the ſum of 150 dollars, to defray his expences in carrying money to Cambridge, he to be accountable.

The committee on the petition of Stacy Hepburn brought in their report, which was agreed to, as follows:

That the ſaid petitioner be permitted to load the ſloop Dolphin with the produce of theſe colonies, (live ſtock and lumber for making caſks excepted) and to tranſport the ſame to Hiſpaniola, he promiſing to uſe his utmoſt endeavours to remit the amount of ſaid cargo in military ſtores, into ſome port of this continent, as ſoon as poſſible.

The committee appointed to prepare a reſolution for the exportation of naval ſtores brought in the ſame, which was agreed to as follows:

Reſolved, That when naval ſtores ſhall be wanted in any of the United Colonies, the aſſembly, convention, or committee of ſafety of ſuch colony, may intruſt a proper perſon or perſons to import the ſame, taking ſufficient ſecurity of him or them, that they will faithfully uſe their beſt endeavours to import the ſame into ſuch port or ports as the ſaid aſſembly, convention, or committee of ſafety ſhall direct, and as much as poſſible to avoid all Britiſh men

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of war and cutters; giving him or them, a certificate or certificates of the naval ſtores wanted, and alſo of his having given the ſaid ſecurity: And that it be recommended to the convention, council of ſafety, and committees of obſervation and inſpection of North-Carolina upon receiving ſuch certificates, to permit the perſon or perſons producing the ſame, to export to the colony applying for the ſame, the naval ſtores wanted by ſuch colony:

That it be further recommended to the ſaid convention, council of ſafety, and committees of inſpection and obſervation in North-Carolina, to give permiſſion to ſuch veſſels as may have arrived in that colony for thoſe articles, or ſuch of the veſſels belonging to that colony, as they may think proper, to export naval ſtores to any of the United Colonies, taking ſecurity as in the other caſes above mentioned.

Reſolved, That the pay and ſubſiſtance of two of the battalions ordered to be raiſed in the colony of Virginia, commence from the firſt day of November laſt; from which time they have been in actual ſervice.

The convention of Virginia having recommended perſons for field officers of the ſix battalions ordered to be raiſed in that colony, the Congreſs proceeded to an election, when

Patrick Henry, Eſq. was elected colonel
William Chriſtian, Eſq lieutenant colonel } of the firſt battalion.
Frank Eppes, Eſq. major.

William Woodford, Eſq. colonel
Charles Scott, Eſq. lieutenant-colonel } of the ſecond do.
Alexander Spotswood, Eſq. major

Hugh Mercer, Eſq. colonel
George Weedon, Eſq. lieutenant-colonel } of the third do.
Thomas Marſhall, Eſq. major

Adam Stephen, Eſq. colonel
Iſaac Reade, Eſq. lieutenant-colonel } of the fourth do.
Robert Lawſon, Eſq. major.

William Peachy, Eſq. colonel
William Crawford, Eſq. lieut.-colonel } of the fifth do.
Joſiah Parker, Eſq. major.

Mordecai Buckner, Eſq. colonel
Thomas Elliot, Eſq. lieutenant-colonel } of the ſixth do.
James Hendricks, Eſq. major

Ordered, That the preſident fill up commiſſions to the above officers, and that he ſend blank commiſſions to the convention of Virginia, to be by them filled up with the names of the officers appointed by them in the ſaid battalions, under the rank of a major.

Reſolved, That the deputy muſter-maſter general be directed to muſter the battalion raiſed in the three lower counties on Delaware, and alſo thoſe raiſed in Pennſylvania, and make return to Congreſs.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to conſider into what departments the middle and ſouthern colonies ought to be formed, in order that the military operations of the colonies may be carried on in a regular and ſyſtematic manner.

The members choſen, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Penn, Mr. Harriſon and Mr. Alexander.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of the delegates of Virginia for the ſum of 20,000 dollars for the uſe of the battalions, ordered to be raiſed there, the convention of that colony to be accountable.

Reſolved, That Mr. M'Kean be deſired to requeſt the committee of inſpection and obſervation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia not to proceed in paſſing any cenſures on the venders, and uſers of tea, till further orders from Congreſs.

Reſolved, That the detachments marching from Philadelphia to New-York, under the command of colonel Dickinſon be allowed for ſubſiſtance while on their march, the ſum of one dollar, and one third of a dollar *per* week for each of the privates, and non-commiſſioned officers; and that the commiſſioned officers be allowed in proportion according to the rations allotted to them, and that they receive the ſame pay as the four Pennſylvania battalions, from the time they begin their march.

That a committee of three be appointed to conſider the beſt method of ſubſiſting the troops in New-York, and what ſum of money it will be neceſſary to ſend thither, and alſo what ſum ought to be advanced to colonel Dickinſon.

The members choſen Mr. Sherman, Mr. Duane and Mr. Wilſon.

A petition from Mr. Bernard Romans was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the convention of New-York to pay Mr. Bernard Romans up to the 9th day of the preſent month.

Reſolved, That an order for 600 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Samuel Fairlamb (who has contracted to ſupply colonel Wayne's battalion, quartered in and near Cheſter at the rate of ſeven ninetieths of a dollar *per* ration) to enable him to execute his contract, he to be accountable.

The committee appointed to prepare an addreſs to the inhabitants of the United Colonies, brought in a draught which was read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Reſolved, That captain Gordon upon giving his parole, be permitted, while he remains in town, to viſit general Preſcot at proper ſeaſons.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, *February* 14, 1776.

Reſolved, That two of the braſs ſix pounders at New-York belonging to the United Colonies, be ſent to Virginia for the uſe of the forces there.

Sundry letters being received were read;

One from general Schuyler of the 7th of this month; one from general Wooſter of 29 January, and one from general Arnold of 24th of ſaid month.

Reſolved, That the foregoing letters with the papers encloſed, be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. J. Adams and Mr. Chaſe.

A letter from the committee of Amboy dated 10th of this month, was read and referred for conſideration till to-morrow.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To John Ware for conducting a French gentleman from Harwick townſhip in Suſſex county to Philadelphia, the ſum of 13.2 dollars.

Ordered that the ſame be paid.

Application being made by ſome of the maſter carpenters employed in building the continental frigates to ſome members of this houſe, informing that about fifty of their journeymen and apprentices had engaged as voluntiers to march with the battalion of aſſociators for New-York, and that their zeal for the public ſervice was ſuch, that they cannot be perſuaded to deſiſt by any arguments or influence of ſaid builders;

Reſolved, That the ſpirit and zeal of the ſaid journeymen and apprentices is highly approved of by Congreſs; but nevertheleſs it is the opinion of this Congreſs, that the public will be more eſſentially ſerved by their continuing at work on the ſaid continental frigates, and that therefore all the carpenters journeymen and apprentices employed as aforeſaid be requeſted to remain in that ſervice, as there is no doubt but other aſſociators will complete the number wanted.

The Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the report of the committee on the regulations and reſtrictions under which the ports ſhould be opened after the firſt day of March next, and after ſome time ſpent thereon the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported, that the committee had taken into conſideration the matter referred to them, but not having come to a concluſion, deſired leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into farther conſideration the report of the committee on the reſtrictions and regulations of trade after the firſt of March next.

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The committee of correſpondence, who were ordered to confer with the gentleman from Canada, brought in their report which was read.

Reſolved, That the conſideration thereof be referred till to-morrow.

The committee appointed to conſider the beſt method of ſubſiſting the troops in New-York, laid their report on the table.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *February* 15, 1776.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee deliver one hundred and fifty ſtand of arms to colonel Maxwell, for the uſe of ſuch of the companies of his battalion as want them, in order that they may immediately proceed to Canada.

The committee to whom the letters from the convention of New-Jerſey, and from the field officers of the third battalion, ordered to be raiſed in that colony, were referred, brought in their report, which was read and agreed to as follows:

Reſolved, That colonel Heard be directed to furniſh colonel Dayton with ſuch of the arms lately brought from Long-Iſland, as are or may be made fit for ſervice, or ſo many of them as colonel Dayton may deſire:

That 30,000 dollars be advanced to Thomas Lowry on account; and that he be fully authorized to procure all neceſſaries (except arms) ordered by Congreſs, for the three battalions raiſed or to be raiſed in the colony of New-Jerſey:

That the convention or committee of ſafety of New-Jerſey be allowed from the continental ſtock, half a ton of powder, out of which they are to re-pay what has been borrowed from Elizabeth-Town, Somerſet, Woodbridge, and Brunſwick:

That to the ſame convention or committee of ſafety be advanced the further ſum of 5000 dollars for the purpoſe of compleating the three battalions there with arms, which they are deſired to accompliſh with all poſſible expedition.

Reſolved, That two tons of the powder belonging to the continent be delivered to the delegates of Virginia for the uſe of the forces in that colony.

Sundry letters by colonel Ritzema being received were read, viz.

One from general Lee dated the 11th, and one from general Schuyler of the 4th of this month, with one from general Wooſter of the 27th January.

Reſolved, That the ſaid letters be referred to the committee to whom the letters received yeſterday were referred, and that the ſaid committee be directed to confer with colonel Ritzema, and report to Congreſs.

Information

Information being received that general Clinton was gone from New-York, the Congreſs came to the following reſolution:

The Congreſs have a proper ſenſe of the ſpirit and patriotiſm of the aſſociators of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, in cheerfully offering and preparing to march, in order to aſſiſt in the defence of New-York; but as the danger, which occaſioned an application for their ſervice, is at preſent over,

Reſolved, That their march to New-York be ſuſpended.

Reſolved, That a paymaſter be appointed for the troops in Virginia, and that his pay be 50 dollars *per* month.

The Congreſs then proceeded to the election, and Benjamin Harriſon, jun. of Berkley was choſen.

The Congreſs taking into conſideration the report of the committee of correſpondence,

Reſolved, That a committee of three, (two of whom to be members of Congreſs) be appointed to repair to Canada, there to purſue ſuch inſtructions as ſhall be given them by Congreſs:

The members choſen, Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Mr. S. Chaſe, and Mr. C. Carroll of Carrollton.

Reſolved, That Mr. Carroll be requeſted to prevail on Mr. John Carroll to accompany the committee to Canada, to aſſiſt them in ſuch matters as they ſhall think uſeful:

That this Congreſs will make proviſion to defray any expences which may attend this meaſure.

Reſolved, That eight tons of powder be immediately ſent to Canada, for the uſe of the forces there.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Richard Smith for proviſions furniſhed by ſundry perſons in New-York government to captain Roſs's company of riffle men, the ſum of 28.8 dollars:

To Michael Connolly on account of expences in bringing the women and children belonging to the 26th and 7th regiments from Eſopus to Reading, the ſum of 1082.8 dollars:

To colonel Simes on account of expences in bringing the baggage of the 26th and 7th regiments from Walpack to Lancaſter and ſeveral other ſmall expences, the ſum of 569 dollars:

To Thomas M'Enry for 800 canteen ſtraps, the ſum of $133\frac{1}{3}$ dollars.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The committee to whom the letter from the committee of ſafety of New-York of the 3d of January, and the letter from governor Trumbull of the 6th of the ſame month were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration, whereupon

Reſolved, That no farther works be erected on Martler's rock, but that thoſe already erected there beſupported and garriſoned:

That

That a faſcine battery to mount heavy cannon, not exceeding eighteen in number, be thrown up on the Gravel Hill eaſtward of Martler's rock, marked in the draught LL, ſo as to command the weſt point, the reach down the river from the weſt point, and part of the reach up the river; and that a convenient road be opened from this battery to the barracks on Mertler's rock:

That a redoubt of earth and faſcines be built on the eminence on the eaſt ſide of the river oppoſite to the weſt point marked in the draught A to mount thirty guns:

That it be recommended to the convention or committee of ſafety of New-York to forward the battery at Pooplopen's kill; and that the ſaid battery be made of earth and faſcines, and to mount a number of guns, not exceeding forty:

That ſuch of the continental troops as are or may be ſtationed at the aforeſaid places, be employed in erecting theſe works and batteries under the direction of the engineer:

That it be recommended to the convention or committee of ſafety of New-York to proſecute the diſcovery of the lead mine at New Canaan; and that a copy of the report of Joſeph Hopkins to the general aſſembly of Connecticut reſpecting this mine be ſent to them.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the report from the committee of the whole houſe, and after debate

Reſolved, That the ſame be re-committed.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow morning reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the propriety of opening the ports, and the reſtrictions and regulations of the trade of theſe colonies after the firſt of March next.

Reſolved, That the committee on ways and means to procure cannon, be directed to enquire what quantity of braſs can be procured, and that they be empowered to contract for the ſame.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *February* 16, 1776.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to furniſh colonel St. Clair's battalion with arms, and that the preſident write to colonel St. Clair, and direct him to uſe the utmoſt diligence in getting his battalion ready, and to march the companies, one at a time, as faſt as they can be got ready, to Canada, with all poſſible expedition.

The committee appointed to make an eſtimate of the cannon wanted, for the defence of the colonies, and to deviſe ways and means for procuring them, &c. brought in their report, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the propriety of opening the ports, and the reſtrictions and regulations of

the trade of theſe colonies after the firſt of March next; and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported that the committee had taken into conſideration the matter referred to them, but not having come to a concluſion, deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will, to-morrow morning, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the propriety of opening the ports, and the reſtrictions and regulations of trade after the firſt of March next.

The committee to whom general Waſhington's and general Schuyler's letters were referred, laid their report on the table.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *February* 17, 1776.

Reſolved, That an order for ten thouſand dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of James Meaſe, for the uſe of the Pennſylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

That colonel James Irvine, of the ſixth Pennſylvania battalion, be authorized and impowered to purchaſe good arms for the uſe of his battalion, the price of the ſame to be deducted out of the pay of the men.

The committee on the ſtate of the treaſury brought in a report which was read.

Reſolved, That a ſtanding committee of five be appointed for ſuperintending the treaſury:

That it be the buſineſs of this committee,

To examine the accounts of the treaſurers, and from time to time report to Congreſs the ſtate of the treaſury:

To conſider of ways and means for ſupplying gold and ſilver for the ſupport of the army in Canada:

To employ and inſtruct proper perſons for liquidating the public accounts, with the different paymaſters and commiſſaries in the continental ſervice, and the conventions, committees of ſafety and others who have been or ſhall be intruſted with the public money; and from time to time to report the ſtate of ſuch accounts to Congreſs:

To ſuperintend the emiſſion of bills of credit:

To obtain from the different aſſemblies and conventions of the United Colonies, accounts of the number of Inhabitants in each colony, according to the reſolution of Congreſs on that ſubject.

The members choſen, Mr. Duane, Mr. Nelſon, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Smith and Mr. Willing.

The Congreſs taking into conſideration the report of the committee on the treaſury;

Reſolved, That a farther ſum of four millions of dollars be emitted on the ſame ſecurity, as the ſums heretofore emitted by Congreſs have been:

That

That the committee for ſuperintending the treaſury be directed to conſider the numbers and denominations of the bills, in which it will be proper to emit the above four millions, and report to Congreſs.

The committee appointed to conſider into what departments the middle and ſouthern colonies ought to be divided, brought in their report which was read.

The committee to whom ſundry letters from brigadier general Arnold, brigadier general Wooſter, major general Schuyler, and major general Lee were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That major general Lee be directed immediately to repair to Canada, and take command of the army of the United Colonies in that province:

That major general Schuyler be directed to repair, as ſoon as his health will permit, to New-York, and take the command of the forces and conduct the military operations there; and that the preſident inform him by expreſs of this arrangement and the reaſons that led to it:

That it be recommended to the convention or committee of ſafety of New-York, to ſupply general Lee with a quantity of ſuitable cannon not exceeding twelve; and one or more mortars, if to be had, with balls, ſhells, and other neceſſaries for the ſiege or aſſault of Quebec; and that they aſſiſt him in forwarding the ſame with all poſſible expedition:

That the regiment of Canadians, the raiſing of which is mentioned in brigadier general Arnold's letter of the 12th of January laſt, to have been put on foot by him, receive the ſame pay and be ſubject to the ſame regulations as the other forces employed in Canada, and be accounted part of the number deſigned to be raiſed for that ſervice:

That the appointment of captain Ranſalier to be deputy muſter maſter general of the forces in Canada, be confirmed:

That the appointment of John Halſted, Eſq; to be commiſſary for the army before Quebec, be confirmed:

That major general Schuyler be directed to have proviſions ſtored in proper places near Hudſon's river, between Albany and the Highlands, to ſupply ſuch troops as it may be neceſſary to call out of the country:

That the offer made by general Schuyler to pay at the rate of four ſhillings per day, for each of the ſleds hired to forward the Pennſylvania and New-Jerſey forces in their march to Canada, be complied with:

That the officers in the continental armies be enjoined to uſe their utmoſt diligence in preventing every kind of plunder; and that all who ſhall offend herein be puniſhed according to the ſtricteſt diſcipline:

That

That the reſolves of Congreſs for encouraging ſutlers, to attend the army in Canada, be publiſhed with the information that hoſiery, ſhoes, coarſe linens, ſoap, rum, ſugar, and wine are much wanted there:

That a few artificers ſuch as armourers, ſmiths, carpenters, harneſs-makers and wheel-wrights, with proper perſons to ſuperintend them, be forthwith ſent to Canada:

That it be recommended to the convention of New-York, that ſuch of the officers, who ſerved faithfully in Canada the laſt campaign, as are willing to continue there, be preferred in the new levies of the colony of New-York to others.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be choſen to prepare inſtructions for the committee appointed to go to Canada.

The members elected, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Whythe and Mr. Sherman.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will, on Tueſday next, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the propriety of opening the ports, and the reſtrictions and regulations of trade, after the firſt of March next.

Reſolved, That the committee appointed to purchaſe ſundry articles of cloathing for the northern army, be directed to contract for good ſtrong ſhoes for the army in Canada.

The Congreſs taking into conſideration the report of the committee, on the method of ſubſiſting the troops in New-York, &c.

Reſolved, That the ſum of thirty-five thouſand dollars, be advanced to the convention, or committee of ſafety of New-York, for the ſupport of the troops employed in the defence of that colony; the ſaid convention or committee of ſafety, to be accountable for the expenditure thereof; and that an order be drawn on the treaſurers for the above ſum, in favour of the delegates of that colony, who are directed to forward the ſame:

That it be recommended to the convention or committee of ſafety of New-York, to contract with proper perſons for ſupplying the ſaid troops with the rations allowed by Congreſs, and with fuel and other neceſſaries, on the moſt reaſonable terms in their power.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

On an account exhibited by the committee of Frederic county, Maryland, to be paid to S. Chaſe, and W. Paca, Eſqrs. the ſum of 860.9 dollars; of which 268.4 being for rifles, &c. furniſhed captain Creſſap's company of riflemen, ought to be charged to the ſaid company, and the remainder to the continent:

To Nicholas Hower, for waggonage, the ſum of 74.4 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Daniel Hower.

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY,

MONDAY, *February* 19. 1776.

Met according to adjournment, and having attended the oration delivered in honour of general Montgomery, and of thoſe officers and ſoldiers who magnanimouſly fought and fell with him, in maintaining the principles of liberty;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *February* 20. 1776.

The convention of New-Jerſey having made a new choice of delegates to repreſent that colony in Congreſs, three of ſaid delegates attending, produced their credentials, which were read as follows:

" *In Provincial Convention, New-Jerſey, Brunſwick, 14th February*, 1776.

Reſolved, on motion, unanimouſly, That William Livingſton, John de Hart, Richard Smith, John Cooper, and Jonathan Dickenſon Sergeant, Eſqrs. be delegates to repreſent this province in the Continental Congreſs, for the ſpace of one year, or until others ſhall be legally appointed in their ſtead, and that they or any three or more of them, have full and ample power to conſent and agree to all meaſures which ſuch Congreſs ſhall deem neceſſary; and this province bind themſelves to execute, to the utmoſt of their power, all reſolutions which the ſaid Congreſs may adopt. And further, if the ſaid Congreſs ſhall think neceſſary to adjourn, we do authoriſe our ſaid delegates to repreſent and act for this province, in any one Congreſs to be held by virtue of ſuch adjournments, during their delegation.

A true copy from the minutes,

WILLIAM PATERSON, *Secretary*."

A letter from general Lee, of the 17th inſtant, was read.

A memorial from a number of the inhabitants of Northumberland, in the colony of Pennſylvania, with ſix papers therein encloſed, was preſented to Congreſs and read: Alſo,

A petition from ſundry inhabitants near Pittſburg, was preſented and read.

Reſolved, That the above memorial and petition be referred to a committee of five.

The members choſen, Mr. Hewes, Mr. W. Livingſton, Mr. Paca, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. Chaſe.

Lieutenant Braſher, who had the orders of general Schuyler to conduct a number of Canadian priſoners to New-Jerſey or Pennſylvania, having executed his orders, laid his inſtructions before Congreſs which were read. Alſo, Mr. Shallus, quarter-maſter of the firſt Pennſylvania battalion, having had orders to conduct certain priſoners down from Kingſton, and having executed his orders, laid his inſtructions before Congreſs, which were read.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That theſe be referred to the committee on the priſoners.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to colonel Maxwell, or order, twenty ſtand of arms for the uſe of his battalion, he to be accountable for the ſame.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the ways and means of procuring cannon; whereupon

Reſolved, That two hundred and fifty, twelve pounders, ſixty, nine pounders, and ſixty-two, four pounders be purchaſed for the uſe of theſe colonies:

That the committee on the ways and means of procuring cannon be empowered to purchaſe or contract for making the ſame:

That a new member be added to that committee.

The member choſen, Mr. W. Livingſton.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Michael Connolly, expences for waggon-hire, carrying the priſoners baggage from Bethlehem to Reading, and his own expences four days, the ſum of 160 dollars.

To Richard Howell, for tranſportation of powder to Burlington, the ſum of 34½ dollars.

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That colonel Wayne be directed to march with his battalion to New-York, and put himſelf under the command of general Lee, or the commanding officer there.

The Congreſs being informed that two priſoners taken at Chamblee, and who had leave to ſtay at Newark in the province of New-Jerſey, on condition of their making gun-locks, for the uſe of the United Colonies, are not employed in that work;

Reſolved, That the ſaid two priſoners be ordered to Philadelphia, and put under the direction of Mr. Rittenhouſe, to carry on the above buſineſs.

The Congreſs being informed that a quantity of powder belonging to the United Colonies was arrived at Brunſwick in New-Jerſey,

Reſolved, That Mr. Lewis, Mr. Alſop, and Mr. P. Livingſton, be directed to forward the ſaid powder under a guard, with all poſſible expedition, to general Waſhington, for the uſe of the army under his command.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of M. la Juneſſe, for the ſum of 250 dollars, for his ſervices in behalf of the United Colonies.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *February* 21. 1776.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Shallus, for his expences in conducting priſoners from Albany to Trenton, the ſum of 17¾ dollars:

To

To Caſpar Shaaf, for waggonage, the ſum of 104 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to S. Chaſe, and W. Paca, Eſqrs.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Two letters from general Schuyler of the 10th and 13th inſt. being received were read.

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Harriſon, and Mr. S. Adams.

A letter from the committee of ſafety for Pennſylvania, of the 20th inſt. reſpecting the priſoners at Lancaſter, was read,

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to the committee on the priſoners.

The committee on the treaſury to whom it was referred to conſider the numbers and denominations of the bills, &c. brought in their report, which was conſidered and agreed to, as follows:

That the four millions of dollars now to be emitted, conſiſt of the following denominations.

600,000 of *one-ſixth* of a dollar.	100,000
600,000 of *one-third* do.	200,000
600,000 of *one-half* do.	300,000
600,000 of *two-thirds* do.	400,000
130,436 of *one* dollar.	130,436
130,437 of *two* do.	260,874
130,436 of *three* do.	391,308
130,435 of *four* do.	521,740
65,217 of *five* do.	326,085
65,217 of *ſix* do.	391,302
65,217 of *ſeven* do.	456,519
65,217 of *eight* do.	521,736
3,182,612	4,000,000

That the plates engraved for the two former emiſſions, be uſed in the new emiſſion of the bills from one to eight dollars incluſive, and that thoſe bills be expreſſed in the following words.

No. Dollars.

This bill entitles the bearer to receive Spaniſh milled dollars, or the value thereof in gold or ſilver, according to a reſolution of Congreſs, paſſed at Philadelphia, February 17. 1776:

That the ſaid bills be ſigned by two ſigners, and each different denomination numbered from No. 1. progreſſively:

That one plate with proper devices be engraved for the ſmaller bills now to be emitted, under the value of one dollar:

That the form of the bills be as follows;

One of a dollar, according to a reſolution of Congreſs paſſed at Philadelphia, February 17. 1776.

That each of theſe bills be ſigned by one ſigner only, and that each different denomination be nnmbered from No. 1. progreſſively, as aforeſaid: That

That Michael Hillegas, Richard Bache, and Stephen Paſchall, Eſqrs. be appointed and authoriſed to inſpect the preſs:

That before they enter upon their office, they ſhall reſpectively take an oath or affirmation to be adminiſtered to them by any magiſtrate, "well and faithfully to execute the truſt repoſed in them by a reſolution of Congreſs, as inſpectors of the preſs, according to the beſt of their ſkill and judgment." A certificate of which oath or affirmation ſhall be delivered to the committee on the treaſury:

That each of the ſaid inſpectors reſpectively, ſhall be allowed two dollars a day for their ſervices, while they ſhall be employed in inſpecting the preſs, in the execution of the ſaid truſt.

Reſolved, That the committee on the treaſury be directed to have the foregoing reſolutions carried into execution with all convenient diſpatch.

The committee for receiving the applications for offices in the continental army reported, that they have nominated Mr. Lewis Durham for ſurgeon to the third battalion now raiſing in the colony of New-Jerſey, and recommend him to the Congreſs for appointment to the ſaid office.

Reſolved, That the report be agreed to, and that a commiſſion be granted to Mr. Lewis Durham accordingly.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *February* 22. 1776.

Two letters from general Waſhington, both of the 9th of this month, being received and read,

Reſolved, That the ſaid letters be referred to a committee of the whole Congreſs.

Accordingly the Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the letters juſt received from general Waſhington, and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported that the committee had taken into conſideration the letters referred to them, but not having come to a concluſion, deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the letters from general Waſhington.

Information being given by a delegate from New-Jerſey, that the regiment of militia, ordered by the convention of that colony to march for the defence of New-York, in conſequence of the reſolve of Congreſs of the 12th inſtant, wanted arms, with which they could not be furniſhed, unleſs the Congreſs would ſupply them out of the public ſtock; the Congreſs took this matter into conſideration, and being of opinion that it would not be proper to ſpare the public arms, which are wanted for the battalions raiſing in the continental ſervice,

Reſolved,

Resolved, That the march of the said battalion of militia be countermanded.

Resolved, That orders issue to quicken colonel Wayne in getting his battalion ready; and that, as fast as he can get a company properly equipped, he cause it immediately to march to New-York.

Resolved, That the president be directed to write to the convention of New-York, and desire them to inform Congress what progress they have made in raising the four battalions recommended to be raised in that colony for the defence of the same.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *February* 23. 1776.

Colonel Braxton, a delegate from Virginia, attending, produced the credentials of his appointment, which were read, as follows:

"*Virginia, in Convention, December* 15. 1775.

The Convention, according to the order of the day, proceeded to the appointment of a delegate to represent this colony in the General Congress, in the room of the late honourable Peyton Randolph, Esq. and the members having prepared tickets with the name of the delegate to be appointed, and put the same into the ballot-box, Mr. Thomas Ludwell Lee, Mr. Carrington, Mr. Digges, Mr. William Cabel, and Mr. Carter of Lancaster were appointed a committee to examine the ballot-box, and report on whom the majority fell, and it appearing from their report, that there was a majority of the whole convention in favour of Carter Braxton, Esq.

Resolved, therefore, That the said Carter Braxton, Esq. be appointed a delegate to represent this colony in the room of the late honorable Peyton Randolph, Esq.

A Copy, JOHN TAZEWELL, clerk of the convention."

Resolved, That the secret committee be directed to return to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, the arms borrowed of them for the use of the continent.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Francis Daymon, for translating into French the rules and articles for the better regulating the continental troops the sum of 13½ Dollars:

To Monsr. Mesplet for printing the military rules, and French Letters to the inhabitants of Canada, the sum of 44 Dollars:

To colonel Harrison, for expences of himself, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Allen, on their journey to New-York. the sum of 150.9 Dollars:

To Jeremiah Traxler, for provisions, &c. for Indians who were in Philadelphia in December last, the sum of 40.8 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Mr. Kachlein:

To sundry persons for riffles furnished capt. Morgan's company the sum of 118.3 dollars which ought to be paid to colonel Nelson, and charged to the said company:

To Clement Biddle, for ſhot-pouches, powder-horns, and bullet-moulds, purchaſed by him for the Canada regiment, the ſum of 1169,3 dollars:

To ſundry perſons for blanket's ſupplied capt. Price's company the ſum of 32.9 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to George Read, Eſq:

To capt. Little, for proviſions for guards attending capt. Campbell, the ſum of 9.5 dollars:

To Chriſtian Rhorbeck for neceſſaries furniſhed to ſeveral priſoners of the 7th and 26th Regiments, the ſum 9.4 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Adam Kimmel:

To Henry Shits, for riffles, &c. furniſhed to capt. Stevenſon's company the ſum of 78.6 dollars, to be charged to the ſaid company:

To Abraham Ebraſher, for attending ſeveral French nobleſſe, from Albany to Briſtol, the ſum of 32 dollars.

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to contract for the making of muſkets and bayonets for the uſe of the United Colonies, and to conſider of farther ways and means of promoting and encouraging the manufacture of fire arms in all parts of the United Colonies.

The members choſen, Mr. Paine, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Lee and Mr. L. Morris.

Reſolved, That the letter of Mr. Chriſtopher Liffingwell, dated the 29th of November 1775. with ſundry papers relating to the cargo of the brig Nancy, be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Huntiugton, and Mr. Gerry.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be empowered for the purpoſe of procuring arms and ammunition, to export the produce of theſe colonies, equal to the amount of that by them exported in two veſſels lately taken by the enemy.

Reſolved, That the committee, for ſuperintending the Treaſury, be authorized to employ one or more clerks for ſtating, keeping, and liquidating the public accounts under their direction, and to provide books and a ſuitable office for that purpoſe:

That they have power to call upon the different committees of Congreſs, aſſemblies, conventions, councils, or committees of ſafety, continental officers, and private perſons, who have been or ſhall be intruſted with public money, for their accounts and vouchers, and for ſuch other materials and information, as the ſaid commmittee on the treaſury ſhall judge to be uſeful, in ſtating, checking and auditing the public accounts.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the ſeveral aſſemblies, conventions, councils, or committees of ſafety, and committees of correſpondence and inſpection in the United Colonies, to exert themſelves in deviſing farther ways and means of promoting and encouraging

couraging the manufacture of ſalt petre, and of introducing that manufacture into private families:

That it be recommended to the aſſemblies and conventions in the United Colonies, that they immediately eſtabliſh public works in each and every county, in their reſpective colonies, at the expence of ſuch colonies, for the manufacture of ſalt-petre, and appoint committees of their own members immediately to ſet up ſuch manufactures:

That it be recommended to the aſſemblies and conventions, councils, or committees, of ſafety, of every colony forthwith to erect powder mills in their reſpective colonies, and appoint committees to build ſuch mills, and procure perſons well ſkilled in the manufacture of powder, at the expence of ſuch colonies:

That a committee of this Congreſs to conſiſt of one member from each colony be appointed to conſider of further ways and means of promoting and encouraging the manufactures of ſalt petre, ſulphur and gunpowder in theſe colonies, and to coreſpond with the ſeveral aſſemblies and conventions, and councils or committees of ſafety in the ſeveral colonies, that Congreſs may be, from time to time, truly informed of the progreſs made in theſe manufactures.

The members choſen, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Paine, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Huntington, Mr. L. Morris, Mr. Sergeant, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Read, Mr. Paca, Mr. Braxton, Mr. Hewes, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. Bullock.

Ordered, That the above reſolutions reſpecting ſalt-petre, &c. be publiſhed.

It being repreſented that capt. Harman has inliſted into his company, and carried with him to Canada, thirteen ſervants without the conſent of their maſters;

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire into this matter, and to report to Congreſs.

The members choſen, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Willing, Mr. Wythe.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will on Monday next reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the letters from gen. Waſhington &c.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *February* 26, 1776.

A letter from gen. Lee, datted 22d inſtant was read.

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. M'Kean, Mr. J. Adams, and Mr. L. Morris.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Carpenter Wharton for the ſum of 6000 dollars he to be accountable.

A Petition from lieutenant Jocelyn Feltham of the 26th regiment, who was taken priſoner at Ticonderoga was preſented and read

read, praying leave to go to Europe for the recovery of his health.

Resolved, That the prayer of his petition be granted.

A representation from the committee of inspection and observation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, relative to vessels loaded for Great Britain, Ireland, and the British West-Indies, was presented to Congress, and read, whereupon,

Resolved, That no vessel loaded for Great Britain, Ireland, or the British-West-Indies, be permitted to sail until the further order of Congress; and that it be recommended to the different committees of inspection and observation to see that this resolution be carried into execution.

Ordered, That the above resolve be published.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to examine and report the numbers and circumstances of the permits, and the destination of the vessels, to which such permits have been granted, for exporting the produce of the colonies, in consequence of the importation of ammunition and warlike stores; and that the representation of the committee of inspection and observation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia on this subject be referred to the said committee.

The members chosen. Mr. Duane, Mr. Chase, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Livingston, and Mr. Wythe.

A letter from the convention of New-Jersey, dated February 24th was read;

Resolved, That the same be referred to the committee to whom the letter from gen Lee, was this morning committed.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the delegates of Maryland for the sum of twenty two thousand dollars, to be by them exchanged for gold and silver, and paid back into the treasury.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

TUESDAY, *February* 27, 1776.

Resolved, That Mons. Regonville be permitted to go to Bristol and spend a week with his relations there, and that, after that, he return to Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the sum of 100 dollars be paid to Mons. Dugan for his services in the cause of the United Colonies in Canada, and that it be recommended to the commanding officer of the forces of the United Colonies in that province, to advance him to a post in the army suitable to his merit and services.

The committee, to whom the letters from Christopher Leffingwell and others concerning the brigantine Nancy commanded by Thomas Davis and her cargo were referred, brought in their report, which being taken into consideration;

Resolved, That the case of the said brigantine and cargo, pertaineth

eth to the judicature eſtabliſhed in the colony of Connecticut for hearing and determining matters of the ſame kind.

The Congreſs taking into conſideration the report of the committee appointed to conſider into what departments the middle and ſouthern colonies ought to be formed;

Reſolved, That New-York, New-Jerſey, Pennſylvania, the Lower Counties on Delaware, and Maryland, be put into one department under the command of one major general, and two brigadiers general with proper ſtaff:

That Virginia, North Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia, be put into one other department, under the command of one major general, and three brigadiers general with proper ſtaff:

That Friday next be aſſigned for the election of the majors general, brigadiers general, and ſtaff officers in the foregoing departments.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the convention of New-Jerſey, to have the cargo of the tranſport Blue Mountain Valley landed, and ſecured in ſome ſafe place till further orders of Congreſs.

The order of the day being renewed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *February* 28, 1776.

Reſolved, That general Lee be directed not to proceed to Canada, until he receive further orders from Congreſs.

The committee to whom the letters from general Lee and the convention of New-Jerſey were referred, brought in their report which was read.

Reſolved, That the conſideration thereof be poſtponed till to-morrow.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to repay to the delegates of North-Carolina, the four hundred weight of powder borrowed of that colony.

The committee on priſoners, to whom the letter from the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration, and thereupon

Reſolved, That the committee of inſpection and obſervation, for the county of Berks in Pennſylvania, be authoriſed and requeſted to contract upon reaſonable terms for the ſubſiſtence of ſuch of the priſoners now in Reading, as are not ſupplied by Mr. Franks, together with the women and children belonging to all the priſoners there, and for ſupplying them with fire-wood and other things abſolutely neceſſary for their ſupport:

That the committees of inſpection and obſervation for the counties, diſtricts, or towns aſſigned for the reſidence of priſoners, be impowered to ſuperintend their conduct, and in caſes of groſs miſbehaviour to confine them, and report to Congreſs the proceedings had on ſuch occaſions. *Ordered*,

Ordered, That the foregoing reſolve be publiſhed.

Reſolved, That the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, agreeable to the offer made by them of their ſervice, of which Congreſs have a proper ſenſe, be authoriſed to diſtribute the officers, who are priſoners in Lancaſter, in ſuch places within the province of Pennſylvania, as to that committee ſhall ſeem moſt proper; taking their parole, which if they refuſe to give, the ſaid committee are impowered and directed to confine them; and that in executing this reſolve, the ſaid committee have regard to the reſolutions heretofore made by Congreſs, with reſpect to priſoners and their reſidence.

A petition of Anthony Marmajou, maſter and owner of the brig Little Polly of the iſland of Martinique, was preſented to Congreſs and read, whereupon

Reſolved, That Monſieur Marmajou be permitted to load the brigantine Little Polly, in which he imported a ſmall quantity of powder and arms, with the produce of theſe colonies (horned cattle, ſheep, hogs, poultry, and lumber for making caſks excepted) and export the ſame to Martinique; and that the ſaid Anthony Marmajou do take very poſſible precaution to avoid all Britiſh men of war and cutters on his voyage; and that he uſe his utmoſt endeavours to import into theſe colonies the powder and arms mentioned in his petition.

Reſolved, That an order be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of Mr. J. Meaſe, for the ſum of twenty thouſand dollars, he to be accountable.

The committee, to whom the letters from general Schuyler, dated the 10th and 13th of February, and the papers there mentioned were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration, whereupon

Reſolved, That a ſufficient quantity of ſteel be ſent to general Schuyler, or the commanding officer at Albany, for the armourers and the blackſmiths who are appointed to go and work for the Indians, and that the delegates of New-Jerſey be deſired to provide and forward the ſame:

That an account of the money paid to the Pennſylvania troops, who have marched to Canada, be ſent to general Schuyler:

That the deputy muſter-maſter general, Gunning Bedford, Eſq; be directed to repair to his poſt forthwith in the northern army in Canada, and that he muſter the troops once in every month, and make returns to Congreſs and the commanding officer:

That the orders given by general Schuyler, in his letter of the 12th inſtant, to lieut. colonel Warner be approved.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, *February* 29, 1776.

The colony of New Hampſhire having appointed delegates for the preſent year, William Whipple, Eſq; one of the ſaid delegates attended and produced the credentials of their appointment, which were read as follows:

" *Colony of* New Hampſhire, *in the* HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, *January* 23, 1776.

" *Voted*, That Joſiah Bartlett, John Langdon, and William Whipple, Eſqrs. be and hereby are appointed delegates to repreſent this colony in the Continental Congreſs at Philadelphia, for the term of one year from this time, any one of them in the abſence of the others to have full power to repreſent this colony, and that not more than two of them attend at one time. *Sent up for concurrence.*

P. WHITE, *Speaker*,

In COUNCIL, *eodem die.*

Read and concurred.

E. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*

A true Copy from the Journal of Council.

Atteſt. E. THOMPSON, *Secretary.*"

A letter of the 14th from general Waſhington, incloſing a letter from lord Drummond to general Robinſon, and ſundry other papers, was read.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the letter from general Waſhington of the 9th inſtant, and the trade of the colonies after the 1ſt of March; and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported that the committee not having come to a concluſion, deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will, to-morrow, reſolve itſelf into a committe of the whole, to take into farther conſideration the letter from general Waſhington, and the trade of the colonies.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *March* 1. 1776.

A letter from the Committee of ſafety of New Hampſhire, with a petition from the ſaid colony, and ſundry other papers were read,

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr, Wythe, Mr. Braxton, and Dr. Franklin.

A petition from the inhabitants of Falmouth being preſented was read.

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr, W. Livingſton, Mr. Read, and Mr. Paca.

A letter from J. Meaſe commiſſary, with ſundry Queries, to which

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he requeſts the anſwers of Congreſs, that he may know how to conduct the buſineſs intruſted to him, was laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Hewes.

A memorial of the merchants, traders, and others, of the city of Philadelphia, was preſented and read.

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of the whole.

The general aſſembly of Maſſachuſetts-Bay having tranſmitted to Congreſs a ſtate of the accounts of their colony againſt the continent.

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred for liquidation to the committee of claims.

Reſolved, That an addition of thirty four dollars a month be added to the pay of Joſeph Reed, Eſq. ſecretary to gen. Waſhington, on account of the extraordinary ſervices at preſent attending that office, by reaſon of the General's direction of the naval department.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the letter of gen. Waſhington, of the 14th, with the papers encloſed.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to treat with the owners of ſome medicines lately imported, and to purchaſe the ſame on the moſt reaſonable terms for the uſe of the continent.

Reſolved, That major gen. Lee be appointed to take the command of the continental forces in the ſouthern department.

The Congreſs proceeded to the election of ſix brigadier generals, and the ballots being delivered in and examined, the following gentlemen were choſen.

John Armſtrong, Eſq.
William Thompſon, Eſq.
Andrew Lewis, Eſq.
James Moore, Eſq.
The right honorable William, earl of Sterling.
Robert Howe, Eſq.

Reſolved, That brigadier gen. Armſtrong be directed to repair to South-Carolina, brigadiers Lewis and Howe to Virginia, and brigadier Moore to North-Carolina, and to take the command of the forces in thoſe reſpective Colonies, until they receive further orders from Congreſs or a ſuperior officer.

Reſolved, That brigadier gen. Thompſon be directed to repair to New-York.

The orders of the day being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY,

MONDAY, *March* 4. 1776.

Reſolved, That Mr. Alſop be appointed a member of the committee of claims in the room of Mr. Lewis who is abſent, and Mr. Whipple in the room of Mr. Bartlett, who deſires to be excuſed from that ſervice.

Reſolved, That in caſe of the abſence of any ſtanding member of the committee of claims, the delegates of the colony to which he belongs, be impowered to nominate one of their number to act in the ſtead of the abſent member, till his return.

Sundry letters and papers were received and read, viz.

A letter from the convention of New-York, of 28th February incloſing a recommendation of gentlemen for field officers of the four battalions ordered to be raiſed in that colony:

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred for conſideration till to-morrow.

A memorial from ſundry merchants of Montreal, reſpecting the Indian trade.

A reſolution of the committee of inſpection for the county of Accomac.

Two letters from brigadier general Wooſter of the 11th and 13th February, with ſeven papers encloſed.

Two from brigadier general Arnold, one of the 1ſt, and the other of the 12th of February.

Four from general Schuyler dated the 15th, 20th, 21ſt, and 23d of the ſame month.

One from general Lee of the 29th.

One from the convention of New-Hampſhire, of the 8th.

And one from the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania.

Reſolved, That the memorial from the merchants of Montreal, be referred to a committee of five.

The members choſen, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. W. Livingſton, Mr. L. Morris, and Mr. Tilghman.

That the reſolution from the committee of Accomac, be referred to the committee of the whole Congreſs.

That the letters from major generals Lee and Schuyler, and from brigadier generals Wooſter and Arnold be referred to the committee appointed to prepare inſtructions for the commiſſioners going to Canada.

That the other letters be referred for conſideration till to-morrow.

The committee appointed to examine and report the number and circumſtances of the permits granted for exporting produce &c. brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the reſtraint be taken off, which by a reſolve of the 26th of laſt month was laid upon veſſels loading or loaded with produce for Great-Britain, Ireland, or the Britiſh Weſt-Indies in conſequence of permiſſions granted for arms and ammunition imported into theſe colonies.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed with all poſſible

expedition to ſend, under a guard, ten tons of powder to Cambridge; for the uſe of the army under the command of gen. Waſhington.

The committee to whom the memorial from ſundry inhabitants of Northumberland, and the petition from the inhabitants near Pittſburgh were referred, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered, to lie on the table for the peruſal of the members.

Reſolved, That colonel Beletre, major Longeuil, and capt. Lotbiniere, three of the Canadian priſoners who are at Briſtol in Pennſylvania, be permitted to come to Philadelphia, to confer with the committee on priſoners.

The order of the day being renewed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

TUESDAY, *March* 5. 1776.

Two letters from gen. Schuyler, dated the 26 and 27 February, with four papers incloſed, among which was a letter from James Deane to gen. Schuyler, of the 24th of the ſame month, were received and read.

Reſolved, That the letter from James Deane be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. W. Livingſton.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the memorial from the inhabitants of Northumberland, &c. whereupon,

Reſolved, As the ſaid memorial relates merely to diſputes between the memorialiſts and other inhabitants of ſaid county, and to complaints againſt juſtices of the peace of the ſaid county, and as the common courts of judicature, and eſpecially the legiſlature of the colony of Pennſylvania are altogether competent for remedying the grievancies complained of, that the ſaid memorial with the papers therewith delivered, be tranſmitted to the aſſembly of ſaid colony.

The Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the letter from gen. Waſhington of the 14th of February, and the papers incloſed, and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee have had under conſideration the letter and papers to them referred, but have come to no reſolution thereon.

Reſolved, That the letter from gen. Waſhington, ſo far as it has not been conſidered by the committee of the whole, be referred to the committee to whom his other letters of the 24th and 30th of January were referred.

The order of the day being renewed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *March* 6. 1776.

A letter from gen. Waſhington of the 26 February was read.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That it be referred to the committee to whom his other letters are referred.

A letter from J. Palmer inclosing a report of a committee of the general assembly of Massachusetts-Bay respecting lead, was read;

Resolved, That the committee appointed on the 31st of July last, to enquire in all the colonies after virgin-lead, leaden-ore, and the best method of collecting, smelting, and refining it, and also the cheapest and easiest methods of making salt in these colonies, be discharged, and that the business of the said committee be referred to the committee appointed on the 23d of February last, to consider of farther ways and means of promoting and encouraging the manufacture of salt-petre, &c.

Resolved, That the letter from J. Palmer with the inclosed report be referred to the last mentioned committee.

A letter from gen. Washington dated 18th and 21st of February last, inclosing the proceedings of a council of war was read.

Resolved, That brigadier gen. Thomas be appointed to command the forces in Canada, and that gen. Washington be directed to order him immediately to repair to that province.

Resolved, That brigadier gen. Thomas be promoted to the rank of a major general, and that a commission be sent to him accordingly.

Ordered, That the president acquaint gen. Washington by express of this arrangement.

Resolved, As sundry members of the marine committee are absent, that their places be supplied by Mr. Huntington for Connecticut, Mr Sergeant for New-Jersey, Mr. Harrison for Virginia, and Mr. E. Rutledge for South Carolina.

Resolved, That the secret committee de directed to send five tons of powder to New-York for the use of the continental troops there, and five tons of powder to the southern department for the use of the troops in said department:

That the said committee be directed to return to the colony of Maryland the powder borrowed by Mr. Harrison, and to the colony of New-York and to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania the powder borrowed of them:

That the said committee be directed to deliver to the delegates of the Delaware government one ton of powder, for which they are to be accountable, and to the delegates of New-Jersey one ton of powder, for which that colony is to be accountable.

Resolved, That the president inform gen. Schuyler, that the Congress judge it necessary he should remain at Albany to make the proper arrangements respecting the army destined for Canada, and therefore that he establish his head quarters at Albany until further orders.

Resolved, That Thomas Bullet, Esq; be appointed deputy adjutant general in the southern department, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Resolved

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to colonel Wayne the arms in their poſſeſſion, for the uſe of his battalion, retaining ſo many as will be neceſſary for the guard that is to attend the powder to Cambridge.

The order of the day being renewed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

THURSDAY, *March* 7, 1776.

A letter from gen. Waſhington of the 29th of February, and a letter from gen. Schuyler of the 23d of the ſame month, were received and read.

Reſolved, That an order for one hundred thouſand dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of the delegates of Connecticut, in part of the money advanced by ſaid colony on account of the continent; and that the ſaid colony be deſired to ſend forward their accounts with proper vouchers, in order for liquidation and payment.

The Congreſs being informed that Iſaac Melchior, on the evening of Saturday laſt, treated the preſident of this Congreſs with great rudeneſs, and made uſe of ſeveral diſrepectful and contemptuous expreſſions towards him and this Congreſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Iſaac Melchior attend the Congreſs tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock, to anſwer for his conduct.

Reſolved, That Edward Hand, Eſq; be promoted to be colonel of the battalion of riffle-men in the army at Cambridge, and James Chambers, Eſq; to be lieutenant colonel of the ſame.

That William Winds, Eſq; be promoted to be colonel, of the firſt New-Jerſey battalion, and that Matthias Ogden, Eſq. be appointed lieutenant colonel of the ſame.

Reſolved, That the committee on qualifications be directed to ſupply the firſt and third New-Jerſey battalions with proper medicine cheſts and inſtruments.

A letter from lord Stirling, with affidavits, relative to the capture of the Amboy packet boat, was laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee to whom the letters from gen. Waſhington were referred.

The committee to whom the letter from the committee of ſafety of New-Hampſhire was referred, brought in their report, which was read,

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Hall and Sellers, for printing the continental bills of credit, the ſum of 1735.4 dollars:

To Frederick Becking, for 102 reams of paper for the continental bills of credit, the ſum 707.2 dollars:

To the eſtate of David Hall, deceaſed, for ſtationary for the ſervice of Congreſs, the ſum of 50.6 dollars:

To Robert Erwin, for twenty cords of wood, the ſum of 80 dollars:

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To Wallore Meng, for canteen ſtraps, the ſum of 84.3 dollars:

To Jared Tracey, for carrying money from Philadelphia to Cambridge the ſum of 36 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Joſiah Bartlett, Eſq:

To ſundries on certificates for proviſions furniſhed ſeveral riffle companies the ſum of 35.3 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to John Alſop, Eſq:

To Thomas Apty, for boarding ſeveral priſoners taken from on board the Rebecca and Ann, the ſum of 54.7 dollars:

To Robert Erwin for waggonage, the ſum of 637.7 dollars.

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That to morrow be aſſigned for electing the field officers of the four battalions ordered to be raiſed in the colony of New-York, for the defence of the ſaid colony.

The order of the day being renewed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

FRIDAY, *March* 8. 1776.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congreſs proceeded to the election of field officers of the four battalions, ordered to be raiſed in the colony of New-York for the defence of the ſaid colony, and the ballots being taken, the following gentlemen were choſen:

Alexander M'Dougal, Eſq. colonel
Herman Zedwitz, Eſq. lieutenant colonel } of the 1ſt battalion.
Joſeph Benedict, Eſq. major

James Clinton, Eſq. colonel
Henry B. Livingſton, Eſq. lieut. colonel } of the 2d ditto.
Peter P. Schuyler, Eſq. major

Frederick Wieſenfels, Eſq. lieut. colonel } of the 3d ditto.
John Fiſher, Eſq. major

Cornelius D. Wyncoop, Eſq. colonel
Philip Courtlandt, Eſq. lieutenant colonel } of the 4th ditto.
John Nicholſon, Eſq. major.

The Congreſs being informed that Mr. Melchior was attending agreeable to the orders of yeſterday.

Ordered, That he be called in.

Mr. Melchior appearing, the particulars of the charge were repeated to him, and on his aſſuring the houſe of his not remembering his having behaved with the diſreſpect mentioned, owing to the particular circumſtances he happened to be under, and aſking pardon of the Congreſs and preſident for his indecent behaviour,

Ordered, That in conſideration of Mr. Melchior's former ſervices and his preſent conceſſions, he be diſmiſſed from farther attendance.

The committee to whom the letters from major gen. Schuyler, brigadier gen. Wooſter, and brigadier gen. Arnold were referred, brought

brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the commiſſioners appointed to go to Canada, be deſired to inquire into the cauſe of the impriſonment of the officers of militia in that country and others, and take ſuch meaſures in concert with the commanding officer of the continental forces there, for their enlargement or confinement, as are conſiſtent with the principles of juſtice, and the ſafety of the United Colonies.

That the proviſions made by gen. Lee and gen. Schuyler to ſupply the army in Canada with pork, the direction given by gen. Lee to have wheat ground into flour for their uſe, and his contract with the company of carpenters be approved; and that Mr. Peter Zabriſkie, of Hackinſack, be employed to tranſport the pork, to be procured in New-Jerſey, to Hudſon's River, according to gen. Schuyler's deſire.

That when the articles ſpecified, in the rations allowed to the priſoners of war, cannot be procured, the perſons who ſupply them with other proviſions be intitled to eight pence, New-York currency, or *one-twelfth* of a dollar per day for every priſoner:

That Indians be not employed as ſoldiers in the armies of the United Colonies, before the tribes to which they belong, ſhall in a national council, held in the cuſtomary manner, have conſented thereunto, nor then, without expreſs approbation of Congreſs.

That gen. Schuyler be directed to provide ſuch a number of batteaus for the ſervice in Canada, as ſhall be ſufficient for it.

That gen. Schuyler be deſired to purchaſe the cloth, which Mr. Henry of Albany hath for tents.

That the committee of inſpection and obſervation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia, be deſired to collect all the gold and ſilver coin they can, to be exchanged for continental bills of credit, for the ſervice of Canada.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire and report the beſt ways and means of ſupplying the army in Canada, with proviſions and neceſſaries:

The members choſen, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Wolcott, and Mr. L. Morris.

Reſolved, That an order for 10,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of the committee appointed to contract for the making of muſkets, the ſaid committee to be accountable.

A letter from colonel Hazen, of the 18th of February laſt, incloſing an account and eſtimate of the loſſes he has ſuſtained, was received and read.

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Ward, and Mr. S. Adams, who are directed to examine the ſaid account, and report upon the ſeveral articles.

A letter from governor Trumbull, of the 2d, and a letter from gen. Lee, of the 5th, being received were read.

Adjourned

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *March* 9. 1776.

Reſolved, That a letter be written to gen Waſhington, deſiring him to ſend capt. Connor of the riffle battalion to Philadelphia, the Congreſs having occcaſion to employ him in the ſouthern department.

The committee appointed to prepare inſtructions for the commiſſioners going to Canada, brought in a draught which was read.

Ordered, To lie on the table for the peruſal of the members.

Two petitions, one from Stephen Decatur, maſter of the ſchooner L'Eſperience, and one from John Baptiſto Hugonence, maſter of the Tartar the Marc Anthony, were preſented to Congreſs and read, praying leave to export certain ſpecies of produce, on conditions ſpecified in their petitions.

Reſolved, That the prayer of ſaid petitions be granted.

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into conſideration the ſtate of the colonies in the ſouthern department.

The members choſen, Mr. Johnſton, Mr. Jay, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Sergeant, and Mr. Sherman.

Reſolved, That the following gentlemen be appointed and authorized to ſign and number the bills of credit of four millions of dollars now emitting, *viz.*

Samuel Morris, John Kaighn, Nicholas Garriſon, Joſeph Watkins, Anthony Morris, Frederic Kuhl, Mathew Clarkſon, John Ord, William Webb, Iſaac Hazlehurſt, Thomas Morris, Mordecaia Lewis, Cornelius Barnes, Jonathan B. Smith, Robert Tucknifs, Thomas Coombe, Daniel Clymer, George Campbell, Joſeph Parker, Robert Evans, Adam Hubly, Joel Evans, John Meaſe, John Purviance, Robert Hazlehurſt, Walter Shee, Joſeph Redman, Phineas Bond, William Maſters, John Salter, John Howard, Thomas Leech, Thomas Smith, Philip Kinſey, Robert Roberts, Iſaac Howell, James Milligan, Tench Tilghman, Joſeph Bullock, David Duncan, John Shaw, jun. James Thompſon, Benjamin Brannan, Samuel Sellers, Iſaac Pearſon, John Sellers, Benjamin Jacobs, Iſrael Wheeler, Joſiah Hewes, Andrew Tybout, George Douglas, Peter Stretch, Samuel C. Morris, Samuel Hillegas, Nathan Sellers, George Gray, jun. James Aſh, Samuel Maſſey, John Williams, and William Coates.

Reſolved, That before the ſigners enter upon their office they ſhall reſpectively take an oath or affirmation before any magiſtrate, which ſhall be filed with the committee of treaſury, to the following effect; that they ſhall well and truly ſign and number all the bills to be delivered to them by the inſpectors of the preſs appointed by the Congreſs, and the ſame ſo ſigned and numbered, ſhall deliver or cauſe to be delivered to the continental treaſurers, or one of them.

And

And for avoiding the dangers from fire, robbery, or negligence;

Reſolved, That the inſpectors of the preſs ſhall not deliver to any claſs of ſigners more than two parcels of two hundred ſheets each, to be in their hands at any one time.

Reſolved, That no oath by way of teſt be impoſed upon, exacted, or required of any of the inhabitants of theſe colonies, by any military officers.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver one ton of powder to the delegates of Maryland, for the public ſervice in that colony.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, *March* 11, 1776.

A letter from lord Stirling of the 8th incloſing three papers; and,

A letter of the convention of New-York of the 7th, incloſing an application from Patrick Sinclair, a priſoner, for leave to return to Europe, were laid before Congreſs and read.

The Congreſs taking into conſideration the letter from the convention of New-York, and the application of P. Sinclair.

Reſolved, That Patrick Sinclair be allowed to return to Europe.

Reſolved, That an order for 2500 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Mr. Alſop, Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Sherman, to enable them to pay for the ſhoes purchaſed by them for the northern army.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with gen. Lee, reſpecting the ways and means of defending New-York.

The members choſen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Whipple, and Mr. Rutledge.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Benjamin Town, for 789 canteens, the ſum of 341.9 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

Reſolved, That the committee on qualifications be directed to provide ſix medicine cheſts for the ſix Virginia battalions.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the inſtructions to the commiſſioners going to Canada, and having ſpent ſome time thereon,

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration thereof be poſtponed till to morrow.

The matters to this day referred being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *March* 12. 1776.

Reſolved, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of James Meaſe commiſſary, he to be accountable.

A petition from Edmund Cuſtis, and a letter from the committees of Accomac and Northampton, were preſented to Congreſs, and read;

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to the committee of the whole Congreſs.

A letter from ſundry inhabitants of Weſtmoreland, of the 6th inſtant, was read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Dr. Hall Jackſon, was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The Congreſs then reſumed the conſideration of the inſtructions to the commiſſioners going to Canada, and after ſome time ſpent thereon.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration thereof be poſtponed till to-morrow.

The committee to whom the letter from colonel Moſes Hazen, and the report of perſons appointed to ſtate the account of loſſes and damages ſuſtained by him in Canada were referred, brought in their report, which was read as follows:

It appears to your committee that the loſs and damage ſuſtained by colonel Hazen in Canada, have not been eſtimated with ſufficient accuracy; that ſome of the articles enumerated in the inventory are preſumed to be over-rated, the quantities of ſeveral others reducible to exactneſs in number, weight, or meaſure, are not aſcertained, and the reaſons for the knowledge or belief of any of them by the witneſſes, are not explicit enough in their examinations; that although the grain, graſs, and hay mentioned in the account are admitted by col. Hazen, in his letter, to have been partly deſtroyed by the miniſterial troops, the whole value is extended; that the eſtimate of crops are ſo general, it cannot be diſcovered by what rule they were formed, or to what ſtandard adjuſted; that the damage done to the dwelling-houſe, ſtone-houſe, outhouſes, barn, and farms, are not particulariſed or ſpecified; that a conſiderable part of what a re-imburſement is claimed for, is houſhold-furniture, wearing-apparel, tools, utenſils, cables, and anchors, ſuggeſted to have been plundered by the troops of the United Colonies and Canadians, who joined them; and your committee believe that no reparation of the like kind hath yet been made by Congreſs; and that the profit which might have been made of the mills and houſes, if the owner had not been deprived of the uſe of them, being merely contingent and conjectural, are ſuch as have not uſually been made good in ſimilar caſes. Whereupon,

Reſolved, That the commiſſioners who are going to Canada be deſired to appoint proper perſons to examine, ſtate, and ſettle an account of the loſs and damage colonel Hazen hath ſuſtained in his property and poſſeſſions in Canada, by the forces of the United Colonies, and report the ſame, with any ſpecial matters they may think fit, to Congreſs; annexing to their reports, the eſtimates, examinations of the witneſſes, and other papers relative thereto:

Reſolved, That if any of the gentlemen appointed field officers in the four battalions raiſing in New-York, for the defence of that colony, are provided for in Canada, they be directed to continue there, exerciſing the offices to which they are appointed, and that others be elected in their room in the four battalions aforeſaid; and that ſuch of them as are not provided for in Canada, be directed immediately to repair to their reſpective battalions.

The matters to this day referred being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *March* 13. 1776.

A letter from the committee of Eſſex in New-Jerſey, of the 7th, and a letter from captain J. Macpherſon of the 12th, were laid before Congreſs, and read.

Reſolved, That on order for 1000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Samuel Fairlamb, contractor for ſupplying col. Wayne's battalion with rations, he to be accountable.

Reſolved, That the bills drawn by the treaſurers of North-Carolina, for the uſe of the continental troops in that colony be paid.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſupply the colony of Maryland with 500 lb. of powder, for the uſe of the inhabitants of Cecil county.

Reſolved, That a committee of ſeven be appointed to inquire and report the beſt ways and means of raiſing the neceſſary ſupplies to defray the expences of the war for the preſent year, over and above the emiſſion of bills of credit.

The members choſen, Mr. Johnſon, Mr. Duane, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Gerry, Mr. R. Morris, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Wythe.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To ſundries, for expences incurred at the oration in memory of general Montgomery, the ſum of 94.3 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Dr. Franklin.

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

The committee to whom the memorial from the indian traders at Montreal was referred, brought in their report.

The Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the memorial from the merchants, traders, and others, inhabitants of Philadelphia, the memorial of Edmund Cuſtis, the letters from the committees of Accomac and Northampton, the letters from general Waſhington, and the ſtate of the trade of the United Colonies, and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Ward reported that the committee have had under conſideration the matters referred to them, but not having come to any reſolution deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the matters heretofore referred to them.

Mr.

Mr. W. Livingſton moved for leave to bring in a reſolution for appointing a faſt, which was granted.

Reſolved, That the marine committee be impowered to purchaſe the armed veſſel now in the river Delaware, on the moſt reaſonable terms, for the ſervices of the continent, and that her deſtination be left to ſaid committee.

Reſolved, That the expences of the horſes of aids de camp, when travelling in the public ſervice, be charged to the account of the United Colonies.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *March* 14, 1776.

The committee appointed to confer with general Lee reſpecting the defence of New-York, brought in their report, which was read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That eight thouſand men be ordered for the defence of the colony of New-York.

Reſolved, That orders iſſue to colonel Irvine, colonel Shee, and colonel Magaw, of the Pennſylvania troops, and to colonel Dayton of the New-Jerſey troops, to march immediately with their reſpective battalions to New-York, and to put themſelves under the direction of the commanding officer there.

A letter from general Preſcot of the 14th, was laid before Congreſs and read;

Reſolved, That the committee on priſoners be directed to confer with gen. Preſcot on the ſubject of his letter, and report to Congreſs.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the ſeveral aſſemblies, conventions, and committees or councils of ſafety of the United Colonies, immediately to cauſe all perſons to be diſarmed within their reſpective colonies, who are notoriouſly diſaffected to the cauſe of America, or who have not aſſociated, and ſhall refuſe to aſſociate to defend by arms theſe United Colonies, againſt the hoſtile attempts of the Britiſh fleets and armies; and to apply the arms taken from ſuch perſons in each reſpective colony, in the firſt place, to the arming the continental troops raiſed in ſaid colony, in the next, to the arming ſuch troops as are raiſed by the colony for its own defence, and the reſidue to be applied to the arming the aſſociators; that the arms when taken be appraiſed by indifferent perſons, and ſuch as are applied to the arming the continental troops be paid for by the Congreſs, and the reſidue by the reſpective aſſemblies, conventions, or councils, or committees of ſafety:

Ordered, That a copy of the foregoing reſolution be tranſmitted by the delegates of each colony, to their reſpective aſſemblies, conventions, or councils or committees of ſafety.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To William Hencher, for waggon-hire, in conveying captain Stevenſon's baggage, &c. to Cambridge, the ſum of 58.3 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Moſes Hunter:

To

To Rachel Stille, for boarding ſeveral officers, priſoners, to the 8th of March inſtant, the ſum of 224.7 dollars:

To Joſeph Fineur, for five hundred and eleven tin cartridge boxes, the ſum of 221.4 dollars.

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

The matters to this day referred being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

FRIDAY, *March* 15. 1776.

Sundry letters being received were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

One from general Waſhington of the 7th, with two papers incloſed, with a number of intercepted letters; two from lord Stirling dated the 12th and 13th; one from lieutenant-colonel Allen of the 13th; one from the convention of New-York; and, one from general Schuyler of the 6th.

Reſolved, That the expences of the horſes of general officers, when travelling in the ſervice of the continent, be defrayed by the United Colonies.

Ordered, That Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Franklin call on general Lee, and direct him immediately to repair to the ſouthern department, and take the command of the forces there.

Reſolved, That four muſkets and bayonets be lent to the delegates of Virginia, for the uſe of the guards that accompany the powder ſent to that colony.

The Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the ſtate of New-York, and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported that the committee have come to certain reſolutions, which they directed him to lay before Congreſs, which being done.

Reſolved, That captain Nelſon with his riffle company be directed immediately to repair to New-York.

Reſolved, That the governor of Connecticut, the conventions or councils or committees of ſafety of New-York and New-Jerſey be requeſted to hold their militia in readineſs to march in ſuch numbers and at ſuch times for the defence of New York, as the continental commander at New-York ſhall deſire; and that the pay of the militias called to the defence of New-York be the ſame as that of the continental troops raiſed and employed in the middle department, to commence from the time they begin their march.

Reſolved, That lord Stirling be directed to order the troops deſtined for Canada to proceed on their march, agreeable to their former orders.

The matters to this day referred being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *March* 16, 1776.

A letter from lord Stirling of the 14th, incloſing a copy of general

neral orders for the defence of New York, was laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That a letter be written to Lord Stirling, directing him immediately to ſend forward the powder deſtined for Cambridge, unleſs he has received expreſs advice from general Waſhington, that the enemy's fleet and army have ſailed out of the harbour of Boſton.

Reſolved, That the account of Mr. Price of Canada be referred to the committee of claims.

A petition from Coquataginta or captain White Eyes, was preſented to Congreſs and read,

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. L. Morris, Mr. Wilſon, and Mr. R. H. Lee.

Reſolved, That captain Duncan Campbell, a priſoner at Lancaſter, be permitted to come to Philadelphia to meet his wife and children, and there reſide till further orders.

Mr. W. Livingſton, purſuant to leave granted, brought in a reſolution for appointing a faſt, which being taken into conſideration, was agreed to, as follows:

In times of impending calamity and diſtreſs; when the liberties of America are imminently endangered by the ſecret machinations and open aſſaults of an inſidious and vindictive adminiſtration, it becomes the indiſpenſible duty of theſe hitherto free and happy colonies, with true penitence of heart, and the moſt reverent devotion, publicly to acknowledge the over-ruling providence of God: to confeſs and deplore our offences againſt him; and to ſupplicate his interpoſition for averting the threatened danger, and proſpering our ſtrenuous efforts in the cauſe of freedom, virtue, and poſterity.

The Congreſs, therefore, conſidering the warlike preparations of the Britiſh miniſtry to ſubvert our invaluable rights and privileges, and to reduce us by fire and ſword, by the ſavages of the wilderneſs, and our own domeſtics, to the moſt abject and ignominious bondage: Deſirous, at the ſame time to have people of all ranks and degrees duly impreſſed with a ſolemn ſenſe of God's ſuperintending providence, and of their duty, devoutly to rely in all their lawful enterprizes on his aid and direction, do earneſtly recommend, that Friday, the 17th day of May next, be obſerved by the ſaid colonies as a day of humiliation, faſting, and prayer; that we may with united hearts confeſs and bewail our manifold ſins and tranſgreſſions, and by a ſincere repentance and amendment of life, appeaſe his righteous diſpleaſure, and through the merits and mediation of Jeſus Chriſt, obtain his pardon and forgiveneſs; humbly imploring his aſſiſtance to fruſtrate the cruel purpoſes of our unnatural enemies; and by inclining their hearts to juſtice and benevolence, prevent the further effuſion of kindred blood. But if, continuing deaf to the voice of reaſon and humanity, and inflexibly

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bent on deſolation and war, they conſtrain us to repel their hoſtile invaſions by open reſiſtance, that it may pleaſe the LORD of Hoſts, the GOD of Armies, to animate our officers and ſoldiers with invincible fortitude, to guard and protect them in the day of battle, and to crown the continental arms by ſea and land with victory and ſucceſs: Earneſtly beſeeching him to bleſs our civil rulers, and the repreſentatives of the people, in their ſeveral aſſemblies and conventions; to preſerve and ſtrengthen their union, to inſpire them with an ardent diſintereſted love of their country; to give wiſdom and ſtability to their councils; and direct them to the moſt efficacious meaſures for eſtabliſhing the rights of America on the moſt honourable and permanent baſis—that he would be graciouſly pleaſed to bleſs all his people in theſe colonies with health and plenty, and grant that a ſpirit of incorruptible patriotiſm, and of pure undefiled religion, may univerſally prevail; and this continent be ſpeedily reſtored to the bleſſings of peace and liberty, and enabled to tranſmit them inviolate to the lateſt poſterity. And it is recommended to chriſtians of all denominations to aſſemble for public worſhip, and abſtain from ſervile labour on the ſaid day.

Reſolved, That another brigadier general be appointed in the continental army.

The ballots being taken and examined,

The baron de Woedtke was elected.

Reſolved, That Frederic William, baron de Woedtke, appointed brigadier general in the army of the United Colonies, be ordered immediately to repair to New-York, there to remain until the commiſſioners appointed to go into Canada ſhall reach that colony: and that he be directed to join and accompany them into Canada, and there ſerve under the commander of the continental troops in that province.

Reſolved, That Carpenter Wharton continue, agreeable to his contract, to ſupply with rations the Pennſylvania battalions ſerving in New-York.

A petition from Joſeph Blewer, and Daniel Robinſon was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of the whole Congreſs.

The Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the memorial from the merchants, traders, and others, inhabitants of Philadelphia, the memorial from Edmund Cuſtis, the letters from the committees of Accomac and Northampton, and the petition from Joſeph Blewer and Daniel Robinſon, &c. And after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported that the committee have had under conſideration the matters to them referred, but not having come to a concluſion, deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That this Congress will on Monday next resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the matters referred to them.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *March* 18, 1776.

Resolved, That the treasurers be directed to lay on the table an account of the silver and gold coin in the treasury.

Resolved, That Monsr. Arundel be directed to repair to the southern department, and put himself under the command of general Lee; and that general Lee, if he find him capable, be directed to employ him in the artillery service.

Resolved, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Mr. James Mease, to be applied to the procuring necessaries, and to the payment of the subsistance of the Pennsylvania battalions; and that the colonels be directed to account with Mr. Mease for the several sums advanced to them.

The Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole to take into their farther consideration the memorial from the merchants, traders, and others, inhabitants of Philadelphia, the memorial of Edmund Custis, the letters from the committees of Accomac and Northampton, and the petition of Joseph Blewer and Daniel Robinson, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have had under consideration the matters to them referred, and have come to sundry resolutions, but that not having concluded, they desired him to move for leave to sit again.

Mr. Henry not having accepted the commission of colonel the Congress proceeded to the election of a colonel for the first Virginia battalion, and the ballots being taken,

William Christian, Esq; formerly lieutenant-colonel in said battalion, was elected colonel; and,

Francis Eppes, Esq; formerly major, was elected lieutenant-colonel; and,

John Green, Esq; was elected major.

Resolved, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into their farther consideration the matters referred to them.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *March* 19, 1776.

Resolved, That Monsr. Dohicky Arundel be appointed a captain of artillery in the continental service.

That general Lee be directed to set on foot the raising a company of artillery, and that it be recommended to the convention or committee of safety of Virginia, to appoint the other officers of the said company of artillery.

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A letter of the 15th from colonel Dayton was laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee for procuring muſkets.

A letter of the 17th from the convention of New-Jerſey was laid before Congreſs and read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That captain Woolverton with his company be taken into the ſervice of the United Colonies; and that he be directed to repair with his company as ſoon as properly armed and accoutered, to New-York, and put himſelf under the commanding officer there; and that the pay of captain Woolverton's company commence from the time they are provided with arms and accoutrements.

A letter from colonel Beletre, a Canadian priſoner, and ſundry letters from Cameron and Smith were read.

Reſolved, That they be referred to the committee on priſoners.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſupply captain Barry of the brig Lexington with one ton of powder.

Ordered, That the committee, to whom was referred the ſtate and ſituation of the priſoners at Trenton, report thereon as ſoon as poſſible.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 250,000 dollars be ſent to the paymaſter general, for the uſe of the army under the immediate command of general Waſhington.

That the ſum of 50,000 dollars be ſent to general Schuyler, for the uſe of the army under his command.

The committee appointed to prepare inſtructions &c. to the commiſſioners going to Canada, brought in a draught of farther inſtructions, and of a commiſſion, which was read.

The Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the memorial from the merchants, traders, and others, inhabitants of Philadelphia, the memorial from Edmund Cuſtis, the letters from the committees of Accomac and Northampton, and the petition of Joſeph Blewer and Daniel Robinſon, and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported that the committee have had under conſideration the matters to them referred, and have come to ſundry reſolutions, which they directed him to lay before Congreſs,

The report of the committee being read;

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draw a declaration purſuant to ſaid report, and lay the ſame before Congreſs.

The members choſen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Jay, and Mr. Wilſon.

Reſolved, That it be an inſtruction to ſaid committee to receive and inſert a clauſe or clauſes, that "all ſeamen and mariners on board of merchant ſhips and veſſels, taken and condemned as prizes,

Prizes, shall be entitled to their pay, according to the terms of their contracts, until the time of condemnation."

The committee to whom the letter and queries of Mr. Mease were referred, brought in their report which was read.

Ordered, to lie on the table.

Resolved, That Mr. Whipple be appointed a member of the marine committee, and of the committee for receiving the applications and examining the qualifications of gentlemen applying for offices in the continental service.

The committee to whom the letters from general Washington dated the 14th and 26th of February last, and the letter from lord Stirling of the 25th of same month were referred, brought in their report, which was read, and the same being taken into consideration,

Resolved, That the first part thereof be re-committed.

Resolved, That the value of the passage boat, York, be made good to Michael Kearney, jun. the owner thereof; it appearing that she was impressed into the continental service, and employed in taking the ship Blue Mountain Valley, and for that reason afterwards seized and detained by order of captain Parker, commander of the British ship of war, Phenix; and that lord Stirling be desired to appoint proper persons to value said boat, and report such valuation to Congress.

Resolved, That a member be elected for the secret committee in the room of Mr. Bartlett, who is absent.

The ballots being taken,

Mr. R. H. Lee was elected.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *March* 20, 1776.

A letter from lord Stirling of the 16th, was laid before Congress and read.

Resolved, That three members be elected for the committee appointed to consider the propriety of a war-office in the room of three, who are necessarily absent:

The members chosen, Mr. Duane, Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Johnson.

Resolved, That the sum of 3000 dollars be advanced to colonel Magaw for the purpose of purchasing fire arms for his battalion, he to be accountable.

The Congress resumed the consideration of the instructions and commission to the deputies or commissioners going to Canada, and the same being debated by paragraphs, were agreed to, as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS, *&c.*

Gentlemen,

You are with all convenient dispatch to repair to Canada, and make known to the people of that country, the wishes and intentions of the Congress with respect to them.

Repreſent to them that the arms of the United Colonies, having been carried into that province for the purpoſe of fruſtrating the deſigns of the Britiſh court againſt our common liberties, we expect not only to defeat the hoſtile machinations of gov. Carlton againſt us, but that we ſhall put it into the power of our Canadian brethren to purſue ſuch meaſures for ſecuring their own freedom and happineſs, as a generous love of liberty and ſound policy ſhall dictate to them.

Inform them, that in our judgment their intereſts and ours are inſeparably united; that it is impoſſible we can be reduced to a ſervile ſubmiſſion to Great Britain without their ſharing our fate: And on the other hand, if we ſhall obtain, as we doubt not we ſhall, a full eſtabliſhment of our rights, it depends wholly on their choice whether they will participate with us in thoſe bleſſings, or ſtill remain ſubject to every act of tyranny, which Britiſh miniſters ſhall pleaſe to exerciſe over them. Urge all ſuch arguments, as your prudence ſhall ſuggeſt, to inforce our opinion concerning the mutual intereſt of the two countries, and to convince them of the impoſſibility of the war being concluded to the diſadvantage of theſe colonies, if we wiſely and vigorouſly co-operate with each other.

To convince them of the uprightneſs of our intentions towards them, you are to declare that it is our inclination, that the people of Canada may ſet up ſuch a form of government, as will be moſt likely, in their judgment, to produce their happineſs: And you are in the ſtrongeſt terms to aſſure them, that it is our earneſt deſire to adopt them into our union, as a ſiſter colony, and to ſecure the ſame general ſyſtem of mild and equal laws for them and for ourſelves, with only ſuch local differences as may be agreeable to each colony reſpectively.

Aſſure the people of Canada, that we have no apprehenſion that the French will take any part with Great Britain; but that it is their intereſt, and we have reaſon to believe their inclination to cultivate a friendly intercourſe with theſe colonies.

You are from this, and ſuch other reaſons as may appear moſt proper, to urge the neceſſity the people are under of immediately taking ſome deciſive ſtep, to put themſelves under the protection of the United Colonies. For expediting ſuch a meaſure, you are to explain to them our method of collecting the ſenſe of the people, and conducting our affairs regularly by committees of obſervation and inſpection in the ſeveral diſtricts, and by conventions and committees of ſafety in the ſeveral colonies. Recommend theſe modes to them. Explain to them the nature and principles of government among freemen; developing, in contraſt to thoſe, the baſe, cruel, and inſidious deſigns involved in the late act of parliament, for making a more effectual proviſion for the government of the province of Quebec. Endeavour to ſtimulate them by motives of glory as well as intereſt, to aſſume a part in a conteſt, by which they muſt

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be deeply affected; and to aſpire to a portion of that power, by which they are ruled; and not to remain the mere ſpoils and prey of conquerors and lords.

You are further to declare, that we hold ſacred the rights of conſcience, and may promiſe to the whole people, ſolemnly in our name the free and undiſturbed exerciſe of their religion, and to the clergy the full, perfect, and peaceable poſſeſſion and enjoyment of all their eſtates; that the government of every thing relating to their religion and clergy, ſhall be left intirely in the hands of the good people of that province, and ſuch legiſlature as they ſhall conſtitute; provided however, that all other denominations of chriſtians be equally entitled to hold offices, and enjoy civil privileges, and the free exerciſe of their religion, and be totally exempt from the payment of any tithes or taxes for the ſupport of any religion.

Inform them that you are veſted by this Congreſs with full powers to effect theſe purpoſes; and therefore preſs them to have a complete repreſentation of the people aſſembled in convention with all poſſible expedition, to deliberate concerning the eſtabliſhment of a form of government, and a union with the United Colonies. As to the terms of union, inſiſt on the propriety of their being ſimilar to thoſe on which the other colonies unite. Should they object to this, report to this Congreſs the objections, and the terms on which alone they will come into our union. Should they agree to our terms, you are to promiſe in the names of the United Colonies, that we will defend and protect the people of Canada againſt all enemies, in the ſame manner as we will defend and protect any of the United Colonies.

You are to eſtabliſh a free preſs, and to give directions for the frequent publication of ſuch pieces as may be of ſervice to the cauſe of the United Colonies.

You are to ſettle all diſputes between the Canadians and the continental troops, and to make ſuch regulations relating thereto, as you ſhall judge proper.

You are to make a ſtrict and impartial inquiry into the cauſe of the impriſonment of colonel Du Free, lieutenant colonel Nefeu, Major St. George Du Pree, and Major Gray, officers of the militia, and of John Frazer, Eſq. late a judge of the police at Montreal, and take ſuch orders concerning them as you ſhall judge moſt proper.

In reforming any abuſes you may obſerve in Canada, eſtabliſhing and enforcing regulations for preſervation of peace and good order there, and compoſing differences between the troops of the United Colonies and the Canadians, all officers and ſoldiers are required to yield obedience to you; and to enforce the deciſions that you or any two of you may make, you are impowered to ſuſpend any military officer from the exerciſe of his commiſſion, till the pleaſure of the Congreſs ſhall be known, if you or any two of you ſhall think it expedient.

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You are alſo empowered to ſit and vote as members of councils of war, in directing fortifications and defences to be made, or to be demoliſhed, by land or by water; and to draw orders on the preſident for any ſums of money, not exceeding one hundred thouſand dollars in the whole to defray the expence of the works.

Laſtly, You are, by all the means you can uſe, to promote the execution of the reſolutions now made, or hereafter to be made in Congreſs.

On Motion Reſolved, That the following additional inſtructions be given to the commiſſioners aforeſaid.

You are empowered and directed to promote and encourage the trade of Canada with the indian nations, and to grant paſſports for the carrying it on, as far as it may conſiſt with the ſafety of the troops, and the public good.

You are alſo directed and authorized to aſſure the inhabitants of Canada, that their commerce with foreign nations ſhall in all reſpects be put upon an equal footing with, and encouraged and protected in the ſame manner as the trade of the United Colonies.

You are alſo directed to uſe every wiſe and prudent meaſure to introduce and give credit and circulation to the continental money in Canada.

In caſe the former reſolution of Congreſs reſpecting the Engliſh American troops in Canada has not been carried into effect, you are directed to uſe your beſt endeavours for forming a battalion of the New-York troops in that country, and to appoint the field and other officers out of the gentlemen who have continued there during the campaign according to their reſpective ranks and merit. And if it ſhould be found impracticable, you are to direct ſuch of them as are provided for in the four battalions now raiſing in New York, to repair to their reſpective corps. To enable you to carry this reſolution into effect, you are furniſhed with blank commiſſions ſigned by the preſident.

Reſolved, That the memorial from the indian traders reſiding at Montreal be delivered to the commiſſioners going to Canada.

The draught of the commiſſion being taken into conſideration, and debated by paragraphs was agreed to, as follows:

The delegates of the United Colonies of New-Hampſhire, &c. to Benjamin Franklin, L. L. D. member of the royal academy of ſciences at Paris, F. R. S. &c. &c. one of the delegates of the colony of Pennſylvania, Samuel Chaſe, Eſq. one of the delegates of the colony of Maryland, and Charles Carroll of Carollton Eſq. of the ſaid colony of Maryland, greeting. Know ye, that we, repoſing ſpecial truſt and confidence in your zeal, fidelity, abilities, and aſſiduity, do, by theſe preſents, conſtitute and appoint you, or any two of you, commiſſioners for and on behalf of us, and all the people of the United Colonies, whom we repreſent, to promote or to form an union between the ſaid colonies and the people of Canada,

nada, according to the inſtructions herewith delivered you, and ſuch as you may hereafter receive; and to execute all ſuch matters and things, as you are or ſhall be directed by your ſaid inſtructions, and we do require all officers ſoldiers, and others who may facilitate your negociation, or promote the ſucceſs thereof, to aid and aſſiſt you therein; and you are from time to time to tranſmit and report your proceedings to Congreſs. This commiſſion to continue in force till revoked by this or a future Congreſs.

Dated at Philadelphia, this day of

By order of Congreſs.

Reſolved, That Mr. Franklin, Mr. Adams, and Mr. Chaſe be appointed to confer with Mr. Wrixon, to examine into his military abilities, and inquire whether he is willing to engage in the ſervice of the United Colonies, and report to Congreſs.

Colonel St. Clair having informed Congreſs that Michael Hufnagel, appointed a firſt lieutenant, and James O'Hara, and Abel Morris, appointed enſigns in his battalion, have declined to accept their commiſſions, the committee on qualifications recommended Thomas Butler in the room of M. Hufnagel, George M'Culloch in the room of James O'Hara, and George Roſs in the room of Abel Morris:

Reſolved, That commiſſions be granted accordingly.

Reſolved, That the committee of ſafety of New-Jerſey be deſired to remove the priſoners from Trenton to ſuch place or places in that colony, as may be thought convenient, at a proper diſtance from the ſea and the poſt roads, ſubject to the regulations formerly made reſpecting priſoners.

Reſolved, That all officers, priſoners, who ſhall refuſe to ſubſcribe the parole ordered by Congreſs, be committed to priſon.

The committee appointed to promote the making of muſkets, to whom colonel Dayton's letter reſpecting the quality of the arms taken by colonel Heard on Long Iſland was referred, brought in their report, which was read; whereupon the Congreſs came to the following reſolution:

Whereas in the execution of the reſolve of Congreſs of the 14th, reſpecting the diſarming of diſaffected perſons, many fire arms may be taken, which may not be fit to arm any of the troops mentioned therein. Therefore,

Reſolved, That all the fire arms ſo taken being appraiſed according to ſaid reſolve, none of them ſhall be paid for, but thoſe that are fit for the uſe of ſuch troops, or that may conveniently be ſo made, and the remainder ſhall be ſafely kept by the ſaid aſſemblies, conventions, councils or committees of ſafety, for the owners, to be delivered to them when the Congreſs ſhall direct.

The committee appointed to conſider the beſt ways and means of ſupplying the army in Canada with proviſions and neceſſaries brought in their report, which was read.

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred for conſideration till to-morrow.

A petition of John Secord was preſented to Congreſs and read, and the conſideration thereof, at the requeſt of a colony, was deferred till to-morrow.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Abraham Hunt, for proviſions, fire-wood, &c. to the priſoners at Trenton, and for horſe-hire for the public ſervice, the ſum of 607.6 dollars:

To Ephraim Blaine, Eſq; for neceſſaries furniſhed the rifle companies, the ſum of 129.7 dollars; of which ſum 44.3 dollars are to be charged to captain Hendricks, and 65 dollars to captain Chambers:

To ſundries, on certificates for neceſſaries furniſhed to one of the rifle companies, the ſum of 122.5 dollars, of which ſum 101.4 dollars, being for rifles, &c. furniſhed to captain Cluggage's company, to be charged to ſaid company; the amount of the certificates to be paid to Bernard Dougherty, Eſq;

To William Bauſman, for proviſions, &c. furniſhed the priſoners in Lancaſter, the ſum of 1528.8 dollars:

To the committee of Frederick, the ſum of 52.7 dollars, to be paid to Thomas Johnſon, Eſq;

To Francis Lee, for 483 meals dieting of general Lee's guard, the ſum of 48.3 dollars:

To Conrad Ulſter, for 185 meals dieting the ſaid men, 19 dollars:

To Mary Bryant, for 288 meals dieting the ſaid men, 28 dollars.

To Ann Todd, for 158 meals dieting the ſaid men, the ſum of 15.8 dollars.

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *March* 21, 1776.

A letter of the 7th from general Schuyler, with a return of the forces before Quebec, was laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That it be referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. Harriſon, and Mr. S. Adams.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be directed to ſend an account of the troops in his camp, who are deficient in arms to the ſeveral aſſemblies or conventions of the colonies, to which thoſe men belong; and requeſt them to ſend a ſufficient number of arms for the men coming from the reſpective colonies, and that, if arms cannot be procured, ſuch as have not arms be diſmiſſed the ſervice.

Reſolved, That the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania be requeſted to employ ſome truſty perſons in each county to purchaſe as many good muſkets as will be ſufficient to arm the battalions raiſed

raiſed in ſaid colony; and that they exert their utmoſt diligence in procuring the ſaid arms ſpeedily, and on the moſt reaſonable terms; that an order for 12,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of ſaid committee to pay for the arms, the ſaid committee to be accountable.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 600 dollars be ſent to colonel Charles Stuart, and that he be deſired to muſter captain Woolverton's company; and when he finds them properly armed, accoutred, and ready to march, to furniſh them with neceſſaries, and expedite their march to New-York, agreeable to the orders of Congreſs; Mr. Stuart to be accountable for the money put into his hands.

Reſolved, That Monſ. le chevalier de St. Aulaire be permitted to raiſe an independant company of rangers in Canada, with the pay of a captain; or, in caſe he ſhall not be able to raiſe ſuch a company, that he be recommended to the commanding officer in Canada, to be employed in ſuch ſervice there, as may be thought ſuitable to his genius and ability.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the ſeveral aſſemblies, conventions, and councils or committees of ſafety, and committees of correſpondence and inſpection, that they exert their utmoſt endeavours to promote the culture of hemp, flax, and cotton, and the growth of wool in theſe United Colonies.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the ſaid aſſemblies, conventions, and councils or committees of ſafety, that they take the earlieſt meaſures for erecting and eſtabliſhing in each and every colony, a ſociety for the improvement of agriculture, arts, manufactures, and commerce, and to maintain a correſpondence between ſuch ſocieties, that the rich and numerous natural advantages of this country for ſupporting its inhabitants may not be neglected:

That it be recommended, to the ſaid aſſemblies, conventions, and councils or committees of ſafety, that they forthwith conſider of ways and means of introducing the manufactures of duck and ſailcloth, and ſteel into ſuch colonies, where they are not now underſtood, and of encouraging, increaſing, and improving them, where they are.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to ſuperintend the printing the Journals of Congreſs; and that, if the preſent printer cannot execute the work with ſufficient expedition, they be empowered to employ another printer.

The members choſen, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Harriſon, and Mr. Allen.

The matters to this day referred being poſtponed;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *March* 22, 1776.

A letter of the 13th from general Waſhington, incloſing the proceedings

proceedings of a council of war, alſo a letter from lord Stirling of the 19th, were laid before Congreſs and read.

A petition from Thorowgood Smith, and others, was preſented to Congreſs and read, ſetting forth that they have procured a veſſel, and raiſed money to fit her out as a privateer, in order to cruiſe and guard the coaſt of Virginia, and praying that a commiſſion be granted to William Shippen, to whom they propoſe to give the command of ſaid veſſel; and farther that the Congreſs will grant them a ſmall quantity of powder, upon their making ſatisfaction for the ſame.

Reſolved, That a commiſſion be granted to William Shippen, as captain of the above mentioned veſſel, for the purpoſes aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſell captain William Shippen, 300 lb. of powder, for the uſe of his veſſel.

The committee appointed to prepare a declaration purſuant to certain reſolutions, brought in a draught, which was read.

Reſolved, That the petition of John Secord be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Penn, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. Jay.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

On account of expences in conveying powder, the ſum of 8.3 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to John Morton, Eſq;

To Matthias Slough, for proviſions furniſhed the priſoners in Lancaſter, the ſum of 226.8 dollars:

To Ephraim Blaine, for ſundry articles omitted in the account of expences at the treaty with the Indians at Pittſburg, the ſum of 90.5 dollars.

To ſundries, on certificates for neceſſaries furniſhed to captain Stevenſon's company in Virginia, the ſum of 58.3 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Timothy Matlack, of which 14.7 dollars, being for a riffle, to be charged to captain Stevenſon.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 750 dollars be advanced to the baron de Woedtke, he to be accountable out of his pay.

Reſolved, That the rank of all ſuch officers in the continental army, as held ſimilar commiſſions in that ſervice, before the term of their late appointment expired, be ſettled by the dates of their former, and not their preſent commiſſions.

The aſſembly of the counties on Delaware, having recommended a gentleman to be major of the battalion ordered to be raiſed in that colony, in the room of John M'Pherſon, jun. Eſq; who fell before Quebec, and never received his commiſſion, the Congreſs proceeded to the election, and the ballots being taken and examined,

Thomas M'Donnough was elected.

Reſolved, That an order for 12,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of the committee of ſafety of Delaware government

vernment, for the uſe of the battalion raiſed in that colony, the ſaid committee to be accountable.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the declaration brought in by the committee, and after debate, the further conſideration thereof, at the requeſt of a colony, was poſtponed till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the ſecretary publiſh the ſubſtance of the letters received from the camp at Cambridge.

Reſolved, That the marine committee be impowered to diſpoſe of the coal on board the Blue Mountain Valley, in ſuch manner as they ſhall judge moſt for the benefit of the United Colonies.

The matters to this day referred being poſtponed;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *March* 23, 1776.

A letter from James Young was laid before Congreſs and read, requeſting that his ſon John, who eloped from him laſt January, and got on board the Phenix ſhip of war, but is now fortunately a priſoner in New-York, may be permitted on his parole to reſide at the eſtate of his late grandfather, Dr. Græme:

Reſolved, That Mr. Young's requeſt be granted.

A letter from lord Stirling of the 18th, incloſing a letter from William de Hart, and a letter from the captains and ſubalterns of the firſt New-Jerſey battalion: Alſo,

A memorial from Thomas Scott of Hunterdon, deſiring that he may be appointed a captain of a company of rangers: And,

A letter from S. Badlam were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the ſaid letters be referred to the committee on qualifications.

Reſolved, That an order for 30,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Thomas Lowry, commiſſary for the uſe of the New-Jerſey battalions, he to be accountable.

The committee on qualifications having recommended Peter Scull to be a brigade-major in the army of the United Colonies in the middle department;

Joſeph Davenport to be a captain in the third Pennſylvania battalion in the room of Mr. Scull;

Evan Edwards to be a captain in ſaid battalion in the room of Mr. Allice, who has reſigned;

William Tilton to be a firſt lieutenant in ſaid battalion in the room of Evan Edwards;

Garret Steddiford to be an enſign in the ſaid battalion;

And having alſo recommended the following perſons for colonel Irvine's battalion, viz.

Robert Wilſon to be a firſt lieutenant in the room of William M'Cleland, reſigned;

John Alexander, to be a firſt lieutenant in the room of Robert White, reſigned;

Andrew Irvine, a ſecond lieutenant in the room of John Alexander;

Neeper, an enſign in the room of John Murray, who has reſigned;

Reſolved, That commiſſions be granted to them accordingly.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 3200 dollars in ſpecie be advanced to Mr. Cole, to be by him delivered to the commanding officer in Canada, for the ſervice of the continent, and that he be deſired to proceed thither immediately.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Dr. Jonathan Potts, for attendance on the ſecond and fourth Pennſylvania battalions, the ſum of 67.6 dollars:

To Col. Nathaniel Heard, for expences in the expedition againſt the tories on Long-Iſland, the ſum of 2161.6 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the declaration, which was agreed to, as follows:

Whereas the petitions of the United Colonies to the king, for the redreſs of great and manifold grievances, have not only been rejected, but treated with ſcorn and contempt, and the oppoſition to deſigns evidently formed to reduce them to a ſtate of ſervile ſubjection, and their neceſſary defence againſt hoſtile forces actually employed to ſubdue them, declared rebellion; and whereas an unjuſt war hath been commenced againſt them, which the commanders of the Britiſh fleets and armies have proſecuted, and ſtill continue to proſecute, with their utmoſt vigour, and in a cruel manner, waſting, ſpoiling, and deſtroying the country, burning houſes and defenceleſs towns, and expoſing the helpleſs inhabitants to every miſery from the inclemency of the winter, and not only urging ſavages to invade the country, but inſtigating negroes to murder their maſters; and whereas the parliament of Great-Britain hath lately paſſed an act, affirming theſe colonies to be in open rebellion, forbidding all trade and commerce with the inhabitants thereof, until they ſhall accept pardons, and ſubmit to deſpotic rule, declaring their property, wherever found upon the water, liable to ſeizure and confiſcation, and enacting, that what had been done there, by virtue of the royal authority, were juſt and lawful acts, and ſhall be ſo deemed; from all which it is manifeſt, that the iniquitous ſcheme, concerted to deprive them of the liberty they have a right to by the laws of nature and the Engliſh conſtitution, will be pertinaciouſly purſued: It being therefore neceſſary to provide for their defence and ſecurity, and juſtifiable to make repriſals upon their enemies, and otherwiſe to annoy them according to the laws and uſages of nations, the Congreſs, truſting that ſuch of their friends in Great-Britain (of whom it is confeſſed there are many intitled to applauſe and gratitude for their patriotiſm and benevolence, and in whoſe favour a diſcrimination of property cannot

not be made) as ſhall ſuffer by captures, will impute it to the authors of our common calamities, do Declare and Reſolve, as followeth, to wit.

Reſolved, That the inhabitants of theſe colonies be permitted to fit out armed veſſels to cruize on the enemies of theſe United Colonies.

Reſolved, That all ſhips and other veſſels, their tackle, apparel, and furniture, and all goods, wares, and merchandizes, belonging to any inhabitant or inhabitants of Great-Britain, taken on the high ſeas, or between high and low water mark, by any armed veſſel, fitted out by any private perſon or perſons, and to whom commiſſions ſhall be granted, and being libelled and proſecuted in any court erected for the trial of maritime affairs in any of theſe colonies, ſhall be deemed and adjudged to be lawful prize; and after deducting and paying the wages which the ſeamen and mariners on board of ſuch captures as are merchant ſhips and veſſels ſhall be entitled to, according to the terms of their contracts, until the time of the adjudication, ſhall be condemned to and for the uſe of the owner or owners, and the officers, marines, and mariners of ſuch armed veſſel, according to ſuch rules and proportions as they ſhall agree on; provided always, that this reſolution ſhall not extend to any veſſel bringing ſettlers, arms, ammunition or warlike ſtores to and for the uſe of theſe colonies, or any of the inhabitants thereof, who are friends to the American cauſe, or to ſuch warlike ſtores, or to the effects of ſuch ſettlers.

Reſolved, That all ſhips or veſſels, with their tackle, apparel, and furniture, goods, wares, and merchandizes, belonging to any inhabitant of Great-Britain as aforeſaid, which ſhall be taken by any of the veſſels of war of theſe United Colonies, ſhall be deemed forfeited; one third, after deducting and paying the wages of ſeamen and mariners as aforeſaid, to the officers and men on board, and two thirds to the uſe of the United Colonies.

Reſolved, That all ſhips or veſſels, with their tackle, apparel, and furniture, goods, wares, and merchandizes, belonging to any inhabitants of Great-Britain as aforeſaid, which ſhall be taken by any veſſel of war fitted out by and at the expence of any of the United Colonies, ſhall be deemed forfeited, and divided, after deducting and paying the wages of ſeamen and mariners as aforeſaid, in ſuch manner and proportions as the aſſembly or convention of ſuch colony ſhall direct.

Reſolved, That all veſſels, with their tackle, apparel, and furniture, and cargoes, belonging to the inhabitants of Great-Britain, as aforeſaid, and all veſſels which may be employed in carrying ſupplies to the miniſterial armies, which ſhall happen to be taken near the ſhores of any of theſe colonies, by the people of the country, or detachments from the army, ſhall be deemed lawful prize; and the court of admiralty within the ſaid colony is required

required on condemnation thereof, to adjudge that all charges and expences which may attend the capture and trial, be firſt paid out of the monies ariſing from the ſales of the prize, and the remainder equally among all thoſe, who ſhall have been actually engaged and employed in taking the ſaid prize. Provided, that where any detachments of the army ſhall have been employed as aforeſaid, their part of the prize-money, ſhall be diſtributed among them in proportion to the pay of the officers and ſoldiers ſo employed.

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to conſider of the fortifying one or more ports on the American coaſt, in the ſtrongeſt manner, for the protection of our cruiſers, and the reception of their prizes; that they take the opinion of the beſt engineers on the manner and expence, and report thereon to Congreſs.

The members choſen, Mr. Harriſon, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Hewes, Mr. R. Morris, and Mr. Whipple.

Reſolved, That the commiſſioners appointed to go to Canada, or any two of them, be impowered, if they think it neceſſary for the ſervice of the United Colonies, to raiſe a number of independent companies, not exceeding ſix, and to appoint the officers; that they alſo be empowered to fill up all vacancies, that may happen in the army of the United Colonies in Canada, while they are there.

Reſolved, That 1066⅔ dollars in continental money, over and above the 1600 dollars to be paid them in ſpecie, be advanced to the commiſſioners going to Canada, to defray their expences, they to render an account.

Reſolved, That 400 dollars in ſpecie be paid to Mr. Walker, in full for ſo much by him lent to general Wooſter, for the uſe of the army in Canada, and that general Wooſter's note be taken up and cancelled.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will on Monday next reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole to take into conſideration the trade of the United Colonies; and that ſundry motions offered by the members from Maſſachuſetts-Bay, Maryland, and Virginia, be referred to ſaid committee.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *March* 25. 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congreſs and read.

One from general Waſhington of the 19th, wherein he informs Congreſs, that on the 17th the enemy evacuated Boſton, and our troops took poſſeſſion of it.

One from general Schuyler, of the 12th.

One from lord Stirling of the 21ſt. And,

One from the committee of ſafety of New-Jerſey.

Reſolved, That the thanks of this Congreſs, in their own name, and in the name of the thirteen United Colonies, whom they repreſent, be preſented to his excellency general Waſhington, and the

the officers and ſoldiers under his command, for their wiſe and ſpirited conduct in the ſiege and acquiſition of Boſton; and that a medal of gold be ſtruck in commemoration of this great event, and preſented to his excellency; and that a committee of three be appointed to prepare a letter of thanks, and a proper device for the medal.

The members choſen, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Jay, and Mr. Hopkins.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with Mr. Dugan, and colonel Ritzema.

The members choſen, Mr. Harriſon, Mr. Johnſon, and Mr. Allen.

Reſolved, That 20,000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of Virginia for the uſe of the battalions in that colony; the ſaid delegates to account for the expenditure thereof.

The committee appointed to take into conſideration the ſtate of the colonies in the ſouthern department brought in their report, which was read as follows:

"That it appears highly probable that a very conſiderable force will be exerted in that department by our enemies early this ſpring; that the continental forces employed in South-Carolina and Virginia reſpectively, cannot prudently be ſolely relied on, for the defence of thoſe colonies; that South-Carolina and Virginia are at a very great ſeparate expence in armed veſſels, rendered abſolutely neceſſary by the ſituation and circumſtances of thoſe countries; that the militia of South-Carolina are obliged to perform a very laborious duty, which, from the ſmallneſs of their number, and the conſequent quick rotation, is exceſſively burdenſome; and that the colony of Virginia, in addition to the ſix continental battalions already there, have reſolved to raiſe, and are now embodying, three other battalions." Whereupon,

Reſolved, That the convention or council of ſafety of South-Carolina be permitted to raiſe and embody two other battalions, and that they be on the pay and at the expence of the continent, as ſoon as they ſhall be armed fit for ſervice, and accordingly muſtered:

That the three colonial battalions of Virginia, be alſo on the pay and at the expence of the continent, as ſoon as they ſhall be armed fit for ſervice, and accordingly muſtered:

That the contracts made by the council of ſafety of Virginia for the ſubſiſtance of the third battalion in that colony, at ſixpence half-penny a ration, of the fifth at eight-pence, and of the ſecond, fourth, ſeventh, eighth, and ninth, at ſeven pence half-penny a ration be confirmed.

Reſolved, That a deputy muſter-maſter general be appointed for the ſouthern department.

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The ballots being taken and examined.

Edmund Randolph, Eſq; was elected.

Reſolved, That E. Randolph, Eſq; be empowered to appoint two deputy muſter-maſters under him, one for North-Carolina and the other for South-Carolina and Georgia.

Reſolved, That the order of the day be poſtponed.

The Congreſs then took into conſideration the report of the committee on the ways and means of ſupplying the troops in Canada with proviſions and neceſſaries; whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Schuyler be directed to take ſuch order reſpecting the ſupplies of proviſions neceſſary for the troops in Canada, as he may deem expedient.

The Congreſs being of opinion that the reduction of Quebec, and the general ſecurity of the province of Canada, are objects of great concern;

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be directed to detach four battalions into Canada, from the army under his command, as ſoon as he ſhall be of opinion that the ſafety of New-York and the eaſtern ſervice will permit.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *March* 26, 1776.

The Congreſs being informed that Mr. Ward, one of the delegates of Rhode-Iſland, died yeſterday.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will in a body attend the funeral of Mr. Ward to-morrow, with a crape round the arm, and will continue in mourning for the ſpace of one month.

Reſolved, That Mr. Hopkins, Mr. S. Adams, and Mr. Wolcott be a committee to ſuperintend the funeral, and that they be directed to apply to the rev. Mr. Stillman, and requeſt him to preach a funeral ſermon on the occaſion:

That the ſaid committee be directed to invite the aſſembly and committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, and other public bodies in Philadelphia, to attend the funeral.

Reſolved, That the privates of the companies ordered from Maryland to Accomac and Northampton, be allowed the pay of the privates in the ſouthern department, which is $6\frac{2}{3}$ dollars, per calender month.

Reſolved, That if the convention or council of ſafety of North-Carolina ſhall judge it neceſſary for the common ſafety to raiſe one or two more battalions, the ſame when armed fit for ſervice and muſtered, be taken into the pay of the continent.

Reſolved, That commodore Douglaſs be ordered immediately to repair to the lakes, and take the command of the veſſels on that ſtation.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Thurſday.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, *March* 28, 1776.

Reſolved, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of William Barrel of Philadelphia, in full for tent cloth ſent by him to col. Mifflin for the uſe of the army under the command of general Waſhington; the money being paid in conſequence of the general's letter of the 13th, to be charged to the account of the general.

Reſolved, That the marine committee be empowered to purchaſe, on the moſt reaſonable terms they can, the ſhip Molly, for the uſe of the continent, and to fit her out with all poſſible expedition to join captain Barry on his cruiſe along the coaſt, between New-York and Virginia.

A memorial of Thomas Walker of Canada was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Two letters of the 27th from the committee of ſafety of New-Jerſey, were read.

Reſolved, That the preſident return an anſwer, and inform the committee of ſafety of New-Jerſey that the Congreſs ſee no reaſon to alter or countermand the requiſition of the 15th, and that therefore they be requeſted to expedite the march of the troops to New-York, agreeable to the requiſition of the commanding officer.

The Congreſs proceeded to the election of a colonel of the third battalion ordered to be raiſed in the colony of New-York, and the ballots being taken,

Rudolphus Ritzema was elected.

The committee appointed to confer with colonel Ritzema and Mr. Dugan brought in their report, which was read.

Reſolved, That an order for 1000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Mr. Jeremiah Dugan, as a reward for his ſervices in Canada.

Reſolved, That Mr. Jeremiah Dugan be appointed a major, with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, to command a body of three hundred rangers.

That the ſaid rangers be divided into three companies, each to conſiſt of one hundred men, and to be commanded by a captain and two lieutenants: That the captains and lieutenants be recommended by lieutenant-colonel Dugan to the commiſſioners going to Canada for their approbation; and that, if they approve the gentlemen recommended, they grant them commiſſions.

Reſolved, That Mr. William Finney be appointed a deputy quarter-maſter in the ſouthern department.

Reſolved, That two engineers be employed for the ſouthern department.

Reſolved, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Mr. James Meaſe, for the uſe of the Pennſylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

Information

Information being given to Congreſs that ſome priſoners in the goal of Philadelphia have meditated an eſcape, and are near carrying their plan into execution.

Reſolved, That the goaler be directed to confine John Connolly, J. Smith, and Moſes Kirkland, in ſeperate apartments, and ſuffer no perſon to converſe with any of them, without ſpecial orders of Congreſs.

Reſolved, That the ſheriff of the city and county of Philadelphia be directed by Mr. M'Kean to call to his aſſiſtance a guard of fifty men from the barracks for the defence of the goal; and that the ſheriff be farther directed to keep ſecret any intimation given him of a deſign to reſcue his priſoners, and to employ every means to diſcover and apprehend thoſe concerned in ſuch deſign.

Reſolved, That an order for 1000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Mr. Samuel Fairlamb, for the uſe of the fourth Pennſylvania battalion, he to be accountable.

The matters to this day referred being poſtponed;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *March* 29, 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congreſs and read.

Two from general Schuyler of the 19th and 21ſt, with a copy of the treaty held with the Indians at Albany, &c.

One from the convention of New-York, of the 26th.

One from Allan M'Donald.

Reſolved, That the letter from Allan M'Donald be referred to the committee on priſoners.

That the other letters with the papers encloſed be referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. Harriſon, and Mr. S. Adams.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to Mr. William Henry, and Co. 15 lb. of powder, to prove the muſkets he has contracted to make for the continent.

The Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the report of the committee on the means of ſupplying the troops in Canada. Whereupon,

Reſolved, That a deputy commiſſary general of ſtores and proviſions be appointed for the army of the United Colonies in Canada.

The ballots being taken and examined,

Mr. J. Price was elected.

Reſolved, That the laſt paragraph of the report be recommitted for further enquiry and examination.

A letter from the committee of ſafety of New-Jerſey, and one from captain John Macpherſon were received and read.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, *March* 30, 1776.

Reſolved, That 60 dollars be advanced to captain Arundel, to be deducted out of his pay, and that he be directed immediately to repair to the ſouthern department, and put himſelf under the command of general Lee.

Reſolved, That Monſ. Dechambault and his companion be permitted to come to Philadelphia and tranſact his buſineſs, and then return to Briſtol.

The Congreſs proceeded to the election of two engineers for the ſouthern department, and the ballots being taken,

John Stadler and Monſ. Maſſenbach, were elected.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the letter from the committee of ſafety of New-Jerſey: Whereupon,

Reſolved, That the minute-men employed by Congreſs under the command of colonel Heard, in the expedition to Long Iſland, be allowed, while on that ſervice, the ſame pay and rations as the continental troops in the middle department.

Reſolved, That the delegates of New-York prepare an anſwer to the committee of ſafety of New-Jerſey, and aſſign the reaſons of the foregoing reſolution

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To William Tricket, for ſtationary, the ſum of 41.7 dollars:

To Philip Apricht, for proviſions to general Lee's guard, the ſum of 4.7 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Adam Kimmel:

To ſundries, on certificates for neceſſaries furniſhed to the riffle companies, the ſum of 42.2 dollars, and that 2.5 dollars, part of ſaid ſum be charged to captain Creſſap's company:

To ſundries, on certificates for riffles, ſhirts, &c. furniſhed to captain Cluggage's company, the ſum of 81.1 dollars, which ought to be paid to John Montgomery, Eſq; and charged to ſaid company:

To Robert Erwin, waggon-maſter, on an account now ſettled, the ſum of 409.3 dollars:

To Sacheverel Wood, for proviſions furniſhed by him to ſeveral priſoners in the goal of Philadelphia, the ſum of 137.6 dollars:

To Thomas Dewees, for proviſions for Connolly, Cameron, Smith, and Kirkland, the ſum of 57.8 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The committee appointed to confer with major Wrixon, brought in their report, which was read.

Reſolved, That each regimental ſurgeon be allowed a mate:

That the pay of a ſurgeon's mate be 18 dollars a month.

Reſolved, That ſuitable chirurgical inſtruments be purchaſed with each medicine cheſt.

Reſolved, That each brigadier general, when on command, be empowered to appoint a brigade major.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *April* 1, 1776.

Reſolved, That captain D. Arundel be allowed 48.5 dollars in full for pay and ſubſiſtance, from the 8th of February, the time he was recommended to general Schuyler, to the 19th of March, when he received his commiſſion.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to advance captain Romans one month's pay for himſelf and the officers and men of his company, and alſo ſubſiſtance money to Albany.

The committee to whom the petition of captain White Eyes was referred, brought in their report which was read.

Reſolved, That the ſame be taken into conſideration to-morrow.

The Congreſs having, on the 17th of February laſt, appointed a ſtanding committee for ſuperintending the treaſury, with power, among other things, to employ and inſtruct proper perſons for liquidating the public accounts; and the ſaid reſolutions not being ſufficiently explicit, with reſpect to the manner and place of ſettling thoſe accounts, and it being a matter of great conſequence, that the public accounts ſhould be regularly ſtated and kept, and juſtly liquidated and ſettled.

Reſolved, Therefore that a treaſury office of accounts be inſtituted and eſtabliſhed, and that ſuch office be kept in the city or place, where Congreſs ſhall from time to time be aſſembled and hold their ſeſſions:

That the ſaid office of accounts be under the direction and ſuperintendance of the ſtanding committee for the treaſury:

That an auditor-general, and a competent number of aſſiſtants and clerks, be appointed by Congreſs, and employed for ſtating, arranging, and keeping the public acounts:

That all accounts and claims againſt the United Colonies, for ſervices or ſupplies, where the rates or prices have not been aſcertained by Congreſs, ſhall be preſented to the committee of claims, liquidated by them, and reported to and allowed by Congreſs, previous to their being paſſed at the treaſury office; that all other accounts and claims, conſiſting of articles, the price or value of which ſhall have previouſly been fixed by contract, or otherwiſe aſcertained by Congreſs, ſhall be liquidated and ſettled at the treaſury office, and reported for the allowance of Congreſs, by the committee for ſuperintending the treaſury, and then paſſed and entered at the treaſury office.

That all contracts, ſecurities, and obligations, for the uſe and benefit of the United Colonies, ſhall be lodged and kept in the treaſury office of accounts; and that all perſons to whom public monies have been or ſhall be advanced or paid, ſhall be charged with the ſame in the books of the ſaid office, for which every warrant on the treaſury, which ſhall iſſue after the ſaid office ſhall be opened,

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ſhall, previous to its being paid, be entered at the treaſury office, and the entry certified on the warrant by one of the committee on the treaſury, the auditor general, or one of his aſſiſtants or clerks; provided however, that all orders or warrants iſſued by committees appointed and authorized by Congreſs to draw on the treaſurers for particular purpoſes, ſhall be paid and charged to the account of the ſaid committee reſpectively, until they ſhall ſettle and have their accounts paſſed by Congreſs, when the debits againſt them ſhall be diſcharged in the treaſury office by ſuch credits as Congreſs ſhall agree to and allow:

That all aſſemblies, conventions, councils, or committees of ſafety, commiſſaries, pay-maſters, and others, intruſted with public monies, ſhall within a reaſonable time after being called upon for that purpoſe, by the committee of the treaſury, produce their accounts and vouchers at the treaſury office, in order to their being ſettled and adjuſted in the manner before directed:

That the committee for ſuperintending the treaſury ſhall be authorized to apply to the commanding officers and others, in the continental ſervice, for ſuch materials and information, as the committee may judge to be uſeful for ſtating, explaining, or checking the public accounts, in order to their being fairly aud juſtly ſettled:

That the auditor general and his aſſiſtants or clerks, before entering upon their offices, ſhall reſpectively take an oath, to be adminiſtred by one or more of the committee of the treaſury office (a certificate whereof ſhall be filed in the treaſury office) well and faithfully to execute the truſt repoſed in them, as auditor, aſſiſtant, or clerk, (as the caſe may be,) of the office of accounts, eſtabliſhed by Congreſs, according to the beſt of their ſkill and judgment and to diſcloſe no matter, the knowledge of which ſhall be acquired in conſequence of ſuch their office, which they ſhall be directed to keep ſecret:

That the committee for ſuperintending the treaſury ſhall be authorized to hire ſuitable places, and procure books of accounts and other neceſſaries at the public expence, for the eſtabliſhing and doing the buſineſs of the ſaid office.

Reſolved, That major James Hewes, a priſoner at Elizabeth-Town, be allowed and ordered to come to Philadelphia for the benefit of his health, and there to wait on the committee for priſoners, and take their directions with reſpect to the place of his future reſidence.

Reſolved That Mr. M'Kean aud Mr. Paine, be directed to examine the goal of Philadelphia, and particularly the apartments where Kirkland, Connoly, Smith, and Cameron are confined, and report what is neceſſary to be done to have them ſafely and ſecurely kept.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with James

James M'Knight, and examine his account and the nature of his claim, and report thereon to Congreſs.

The members choſen, Mr. R. Morris, Mr. M'Kean, and Mr. de Hart.

The committee on qualifications having recommended Jacob Kemper, jun. to be appointed an enſign in captain Howell's company in the firſt New Jerſey Battalion, in the room of Cyprus de Hart who has reſigned;

Reſolved, That he be appointed, and that a commiſſion be granted to him accordingly.

Reſolved, That the preſident in his next letter to gen. Schuyler, deſire him to ſend an account of the lead at Ticonderoga.

A letter from Alexander M'Donnald, George Gilleſpie, and J. W. Saunders, of the 12th of March, was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That it be referred to Mr. R. Morris, Mr. M'Kean, and Mr. de Hart.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *April* 2, 1776.

A letter from gen. Waſhington of the 24th of March, with five papers incloſed, was laid before Congreſs and read.

The committee appointed to prepare the form of a commiſſion, and inſtructions to commanders of private ſhips of war, brought in the ſame, which were read.

The commiſſion being agreed to, is as follows:

The delegates of the United Colonies of New-Hampſhire. &c. to all to whom theſe preſents ſhall come, Greeting: Know ye that we have granted, and by theſe preſents do grant, licenſe and authority to mariner, commander of the called of the burden of tons, or thereabouts, belonging to of in the colony of mounting carriage guns, and navigated by men, to fit out and ſet forth the ſaid in a warlike manner, and by and with the ſaid and the crew thereof, by force of arms to attack, ſeize, and take the ſhips and other veſſels, belonging to the inhabitants of Great Britain, or any of them, with their tackle, apparel, furniture, and lading, on the high ſeas, or between high and low water marks, and to bring the ſame to ſome convenient ports in the ſaid colonies, in order that the courts which are or ſhall be there appointed to hear and determine cauſes civil and maritime, may proceed in due form to condemn the ſaid captures, if they be adjudged lawful prize; the ſaid having given bond with ſufficient ſureties that nothing be done by the ſaid or any of the officers, mariners, or company thereof, contrary to or inconſiſtent with the uſages and cuſtoms of nations, and the inſtructions, a copy of which is herewith delivered to him. And we will and require all our officers whatſoever, to give ſuccour and aſſiſtance to the ſaid in

in the premiſſes. This commiſſion ſhall continue in force until the Congreſs ſhall iſſue orders to the contrary.

By order of Congreſs.

Atteſt. *Preſident.*

The Congreſs then took into conſideration the draught of inſtructions, and after ſome time ſpent thereon,

Reſolved, That it be recommitted, and that it be an inſtruction to the committee to fill up the blanks in ſaid draught, as they ſhall think beſt.

The committee appointed to prepare a letter of thanks to general Waſhington, and the officers and ſoldiers under his command, brought in a draught, which was read and agreed to:

Ordered, That it be tranſcribed, ſigned by the preſident, and forwarded.

The committee on priſoners, to whom the letter from M. Belletre, of the 16th of March laſt, was referred, brought in their report, which was read. Whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſum of 3400 dollars be advanced by the treaſurers to M. Belletre, on his delivering to them his bills of exchange for the like ſum payable in gold or ſilver in the province of Canada.

A petition from William Lindſey being preſented to Congreſs and read;

Reſolved, That colonel Wayne be directed to diſcharge Robert, the ſon of ſaid William Lindſey, inliſted in his battalion.

The matters to this day referred being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *April* 3, 1776.

Reſolved, That the letter from general Waſhington of the 24th of March, with the papers encloſed, be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Johnſon, Mr. Jay, and Mr. Wilſon,

A memorial and petition from captain John Nelſon, was preſented to Congreſs and read. Alſo,

A petition from P. Moore, in behalf of the owners of the ſloops Congreſs and Chance, privateers, was preſented and read.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſell ſaid owners, 400 lb. of powder, for the uſe of their privateers.

The committee of claims, to whom the account of Meſſrs. Price and Haywood were referred, brought in their report. Whereupon,

Reſolved, That there be advanced to Meſſrs. Price and Haywood, the ſum of 64,358.6 dollars, on account of ſupplies to the army in Canada, to be accounted for on the ſettlement of their accounts; and that general Wooſter be directed to forward the accounts and vouchers lodged in his hands.

The ſaid committee farther reported that there is due,

To

To the townſhip of Montague in the county of Suſſex in New-Jerſey, for ſlay-hire, in forwarding the priſoners from Canada, under the command of captain Braſher, the ſum of 45 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Nicholas Chriſtopher.

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

A letter from H. Fiſher of Lewes-Town to the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, together with a reſolve of ſaid committee being laid before Congreſs and read;

Reſolved, That the commanding officer of the battalion raiſed in Delaware government be directed to ſend two companies of ſaid battalion to Lewes Town, there to remain in the ſervice of the continent till farther orders.

Reſolved, That the marine committee be directed and empowered to fit out with all expedition, two armed cutters for the ſervice of the continent.

Reſolved, That blank commiſſions for private ſhips of war and letters of marque and repriſal, ſigned by the preſident, be ſent to the general aſſemblies, conventions, and councils or committees of ſafety of the United Colonies, to be by them filled up and delivered to the perſons intending to fit out ſuch private ſhips of war, for making captures of Britiſh veſſels and cargoes, who ſhall apply for the ſame, and execute the bonds which ſhall be ſent with the ſaid commiſſions, which bonds ſhall be returned to the Congreſs.

Reſolved, That every perſon intending to ſet forth and fit out a private ſhip or veſſel of war, and applying for a commiſſion or letters of marque and repriſal for that purpoſe, ſhall produce a writing ſubſcribed by him, containing the name and tonnage or burden of the ſhip or veſſel, the number of her guns with their weight of metal, the name and place of reſidence of the owner or owners, the names of the commander and other officers, the number of the crew, and the quantity of proviſions and warlike ſtores; which writing ſhall be delivered to the ſecretary of Congreſs, or to the clerk of the houſe of repreſentatives, convention, or council or committee of ſafety of the colony in which the ſhip or veſſel ſhall be, to be tranſmitted to the ſaid ſecretary, and ſhall be regiſtered by him; and that the commander of the ſhip or veſſel, before the commiſſion or letters of marque and repriſal may be granted, ſhall, together with ſureties, ſeal and deliver a bond in the penalty of five thouſand dollars, if the veſſel be of one hundred tons or under, or ten thouſand dollars, if of a greater burden, payable to the preſident of the Congreſs, in truſt for the uſe of the United Colonies, with condition in the form following, to wit, "The condition of this obligation is ſuch, that if the above bounden who is commander of the called belonging to of in the colony of mounting carriage guns, and navigated by men, and who hath applied for a commiſſion, and letters of marque and repriſal, to arm, equip, and ſet forth to ſea the ſaid as a private

vate ſhip of war, and to make captures of Britiſh veſſels and cargoes, ſhall not exceed or tranſgreſs the powers and authorities which ſhall be contained in the ſaid commiſſion, but ſhall in all things obſerve and conduct himſelf and govern his crew by and according to the ſame, and certain inſtructions therewith to be delivered, and ſuch other inſtructions as may hereafter be given to him, and ſhall make reparation for all damages ſuſtained by any miſconduct or unwarrantable proceedings of himſelf, or the officers or crew of the ſaid then this obligation ſhall be void, or elſe remain in force." which bond ſhall be lodged with the ſaid ſecretary of Congreſs.

The committee to whom the inſtructions to the commanders of private ſhips or veſſels of war, were recommitted, brought in a report, which being taken into conſideration, and debated by paragraphs, was agreed to, as follows:

Inſtructions to the commanders of private ſhips or veſſels of war, which ſhall have commiſſions or letters of marque and repriſal, authoriſing them to make captures of Britiſh veſſels and cargoes.

1. You may by force of arms attack, ſubdue, and take all ſhips and other veſſels belonging to the inhabitants of Great-Britain, on the high ſeas, or between high water and low water marks, except ſhips and veſſels bringing perſons who intend to ſettle and reſide in the United Colonies; or bringing arms, ammunition, or warlike ſtores, to the ſaid colonies, for the uſe of ſuch inhabitants thereof as are friends to the American cauſe, which you ſhall ſuffer to paſs unmoleſted, the commanders thereof permitting a peaceable ſearch, and giving ſatisfactory information of the contents of the ladings, and deſtinations of the voyages.

2. You may by force of arms, attack, ſubdue, and take all ſhips and other veſſels whatſoever, carrying ſoldiers, arms, gunpowder, ammunition, proviſions, or any other contraband goods, to any of the Britiſh armies or ſhips of war employed againſt theſe colonies.

3. You ſhall bring ſuch ſhips and veſſels as you ſhall take, with their guns, rigging, tackle, apparel, furniture, and ladings, to ſome convenient port or ports of the United Colonies, that proceedings may thereupon be had in due form before the courts, which are or ſhall be there appointed to hear and determine cauſes civil and maritime.

4. You, or one of your chief officers, ſhall bring or ſend the maſter and pilot, and one or more principal perſon or perſons of the company of every ſhip or veſſel by you taken, as ſoon after the capture as may be, to the judge or judges of ſuch court as aforeſaid, to be examined upon oath, and make anſwer to the interrogatories which may be propounded touching the intereſt or property of the ſhip or veſſel, and her lading; and at the ſame time

you

you ſhall deliver or cauſe to be delivered to the judge or judges, all paſſes, ſea-briefs, charter-parties, bills of lading, cockets, letters, and other documents and writings found on board, proving the ſaid papers by the affidavit of yourſelf or of ſome other perſon preſent at the capture, to be produced as they were received, without fraud, addition, ſubduction, or embezzlement.

5. You ſhall keep and preſerve every ſhip or veſſel and cargo by you taken, until they ſhall, by a ſentence of a court properly authoriſed, be adjudged lawful prizes; not ſelling, ſpoiling, waſting, or diminiſhing the ſame, or breaking the bulk thereof, nor ſuffering any ſuch thing to be done.

6. If you, or any of your officers or crew, ſhall, in cold blood, kill or maim, or by torture or otherwiſe, cruelly, inhumanly, and contrary to common uſage, and the practice of civilized nations in war, treat any perſon or perſons ſurpriſed in the ſhip or veſſel you ſhall take, the offender ſhall be ſeverely puniſhed.

7. You ſhall, by all convenient opportunities, ſend to Congreſs written accounts of the captures you ſhall make, with the number and names of the captives, copies of your journal from time to time, and intelligence of what may occur or be diſcovered concerning the deſigns of the enemy, and the deſtination, motions, and operations of their fleets and armies.

8. One third, at leaſt, of your whole company ſhall be landſmen.

9. You ſhall not ranſom any priſoners or captives, but ſhall diſpoſe of them in ſuch manner as the Congreſs, or if that be not ſitting in the colony whither they ſhall be brought, as the general aſſembly, convention, or council, or committee of ſafety of ſuch colony ſhall direct.

10. You ſhall obſerve all ſuch further inſtructions as Congreſs ſhall hereafter give in the premiſſes, when you ſhall have notice thereof.

11. If you ſhall do any thing contrary to theſe inſtructions, or to others hereafter to be given, or willingly ſuffer ſuch thing to be done, you ſhall not only forfeit your commiſſion, and be liable to an action for the breach of the condition of your bond, but be reſponſible to the party grieved for damages ſuſtained by ſuch malverſation.

Reſolved, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of James Meaſe commiſſary, for the uſe of the Pennſylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

Reſolved, That the pay of the auditor of accounts be at the rate of one thouſand and ſixty-ſix dollars, and two thirds of a dollar per annum.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow morning reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the trade of the United Colonies.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, *April* 4, 1776.

Reſolved, That the treaſurers be directed to take colonel Beleſtre's bills drawn on ſome of his friends or correſpondents in Canada, and not upon general Carlton.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To John de Hart, for proviſions furniſhed by Archibald Campbell, the ſum of 17.9 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſaid account be paid.

Reſolved, That an order for 100 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Monſ. Le Fontaine, for his ſervices in Canada.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the trade of the United Colonies, and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported that the committee had taken into conſideration the matters referred to them, and had come to ſundry reſolutions, which he was ordered to deliver in.

The reſolutions agreed to by the committee of the whole Congreſs being read;

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee, to whom were referred the memorial from James M'Knight, and the letter from Alexander M'Donald, George Gilleſpie, and J. W. Saunders, brought in their report, which was read: Whereupon,

Reſolved, That the committee of inſpection and obſervation of the county of Burlington, be requeſted to make ſale of the ſloop Sally, whereof the ſaid James M'Knight was prize maſter, and which was lately run aſhore by him, within the ſaid county, together with her tackle, apparel, and furniture, and the cargo on board, at public auction; and after deducting the charges of ſecuring and ſelling the ſame, to pay one moiety of the ſurplus to the ſaid James M'Knight for ſalvage, and retain the other moiety thereof, for the owner or owners:

That Meſſrs. Alexander M'Donald, George Gilleſpie, and J. W. Saunders, who have lately come into the colony of New-Jerſey from the Britiſh Weſt India iſlands, where, and in Great Britain, they have conſiderable property remaining, be excuſed from entering into the militia of the ſaid colony, and from ſigning the aſſociation; provided always, that they be, in all other reſpects, ſubject to the like taxes and regulations with the other inhabitants of the ſaid colony.

The committee appointed to conſider the beſt ways and means of ſupplying the army in Canada, brought in a farther report which was read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 53 dollars be advanced to Monſ. St. Aulaire, to be deducted out of his pay.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Saturday.

SATURDAY, *April* 6, 1776.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſupply captain Romans with twenty-four muſkets for the uſe of his company:

That the ſaid committee be directed to deliver to colonel St. Clair ſix pounds of powder and four pounds of lead, for the uſe of the riffle company in his battalion.

The Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the report from the committee of the whole, and the ſame being twice read, and debated by paragraphs, was agreed to as follows:

Reſolved, That any goods, wares, and merchandiſe, except ſtaves and empty caſks, other than ſhaken or knocked down caſks for molaſſes, may be exported from the thirteen United Colonies, by the inhabitants thereof, and by the people of all ſuch countries, as are not ſubject to the king of Great Britain, to any parts of the world, which are not under the dominion of the ſaid king; provided that no veſſel be permitted to export any greater number of ſhaken or knocked down molaſſes caſks, than the ſame veſſel is capable of carrying, when they ſhall be filled with molaſſes.

Reſolved, That any goods, wares, and merchandiſes, except ſuch as are of the growth, production, or manufacture of, or brought from any country under the dominion of the king of Great Britain, and except Eaſt India tea, may be imported from any other parts of the world, to the thirteen United Colonies, by the inhabitants thereof, and by the people of all ſuch countries as are not ſubject to the ſaid king; liable, however, to all ſuch duties and impoſitions as now are, or may hereafter be laid by any of the ſaid colonies.

Reſolved, That nothing herein contained ſhall be underſtood to prevent ſuch future commercial regulations, as ſhall be thought juſt and neceſſary by theſe United Colonies, or their reſpective legiſlatures.

Reſolved, That no ſlaves be imported into any of the thirteen United Colonies.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the aſſemblies and conventions in the ſeveral colonies to appoint proper officers at convenient places in their reſpective colonies, to take bonds in adequate penalties, for obſerving the regulations made by the Congreſs, or aſſemblies, or conventions, concerning trade, and for ſecuring the obſervation of ſuch parts of the aſſociation, as are not inconſiſtent therewith; and that the obligor ſhall, within eighteen months after the departure of the veſſel, produce to ſuch officers a certificate under the hands and ſeals of three or more reputable merchants, reſiding at the port or place where the cargo ſhall be delivered, that the ſame was there unladed, and take manifeſts upon oath, of the cargoes exported and imported, and keep fair accounts

accounts and entries thereof, give bills of health when desired, grant registers shewing the property of the vessels cleared out, and sign certificates that the requisites for qualifying vessels to trade, have been complied with: And that the fees of the said officers be stated by the respective assemblies or conventions. Provided always, that no prosecution upon any of the said bonds, shall be commenced, but within three years after the date thereof.

Resolved, That all goods, wares, and merchandises, except such as are made prize of, which shall be imported directly or indirectly from Great-Britain or Ireland, into any of these United Colonies, contrary to the regulations established by Congress, shall be forfeited and disposed of, agreeable to such rules as shall be made by the several assemblies or conventions, and shall be liable to prosecution and condemnation in any court erected or to be erected for the determination of maritime affairs, in the colony where the seizure shall be made.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to bring in a resolution for disposing of, and using the tea now in these colonies:

The members chosen, Mr. R. Morris, Mr. Jay, and Mr. M'Kean.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Robert Erwin, waggon-master for William M'Carty's and Richard Key's teams to Virginia with powder, each thirty days and ferriages, the sum of 250.5 dollars.

Ordered, That the same be paid.

The committee to whom the letters from general Schuyler of the 7th and 19th, and from W. Paulding, Esq; chairman of a committee of the convention of New-York, of the 26th of March last, were referred, brought in their report, which being taken into consideration,

Resolved, That the committee of inspection and observation of Albany be desired to examine, state, and settle the accounts of expences incurred in the taking of Ticonderoga and Crown-Point, which shall be laid before them by general Schuyler, and report the same to Congress.

Resolved, That the commissioners for indian affairs in the northern department be desired to assure the Indians that Congress will do every thing in their power to procure goods for them, and hope they shall soon accomplish it.

Resolved, That Robert Yates be appointed secretary to the commissioners for indian affairs in the northern department, and be allowed at the rate of two hundred and fifty dollars by the year.

Resolved, That the remainder of the report be postponed.

A letter from general Washington of the 27th of March. And

A letter from brigadier general Heath being received and read,

Resolved, That the letter from general Washington with the papers inclosed, be referred to a committee of the whole Congress.

Resolved,

Resolved, That the sum of 100,000 dollars be sent to New-York for the use of the army there, in the service of the United Colonies.

The committee for prisoners brought in a report which was read: Ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the delegates of Virginia be directed to write to their convention or committee, or council of safety, to collect and forward to the treasurers of the United Colonies, what gold and silver they can procure, and to draw on the president for the amount thereof, at the rate of eight dollars for Half Joes, weighing nine penny weight.

The committee on qualifications, having recommended Samuel Checkley, as a proper person to fill a vacancy of an Ensign in the third Pennsylvania battalion:

Ordered, That a commission be granted to the said Samuel Checkley accordingly.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Tuesday next.

TUESDAY, *April* 9. 1776.

Resolved, That the sum of 200,000 dollars, be sent to New-York, for the use of the continental forces there.

A list of prisoners brought from Canada by major Zedwitz, and a letter of the 4th from John Nelson, chairman of the committee of Brunswick, respecting prisoners brought to that place; also a letter from colonel Haslet of the Delaware battalion, being laid before Congress and read,

Resolved, That they be referred to the committee on prisoners.

A letter of the 5th from captain Brice, a prisoner at Brunswick, was presented to Congress and read; whereupon,

Resolved, That captain Brice be permitted to come to Philadelphia, in order to consult a physician, and there wait the orders of Congress.

A letter of the 6th of March from brigadier general Wooster, and a letter of the 26th of the same month from general Schuyler, were laid before Congress and read.

The Congress proceeded to the election of an auditor-general, and the ballots being taken and examined,

John Gibson, Esq. was elected.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on prisoners; whereupon,

Resolved, That captain Thomas Gamble be not exchanged, there being no cartel settled.

Resolved, That captain Duncan Campbell be permitted to reside with his wife and family in the city of Burlington in New-Jersey.

Resolved, That the committee on prisoners be directed to write to general Schuyler, and take his opinion whether Allan M'Donald,

ald, and the other hoſtages taken in Tryon county, may, conſiſtent with the public ſafety, be permitted to return to their reſpective homes on their parole.

Reſolved, That a liſt of the priſoners of war in each colony be made out and tranſmitted to the houſe of aſſembly, convention, council or committee of ſafety of ſuch colony reſpectively, and that they be authorized and requeſted to cauſe a ſtrict obſervance of the terms on which ſuch priſoners have been enlarged, and alſo to take eſpecial care that none of thoſe confined by order of Congreſs be ſuffered to eſcape; and alſo that the allowance to each priſoner be punctually paid by the preſident of the convention, or of the council or committee of ſafety of the colony in which he reſides; and where there are no conventions, by the ſpeakers of aſſembly, which ſaid preſidents or ſpeakers are hereby authoriſed, from time to time, to draw for the ſums advanced in purſuance of this reſolution, upon the preſident of Congreſs.

Reſolved, That brigadier general Preſcot, upon ſubſcribing the parole ordered, be enlarged from his preſent confinement.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Lewis Nicola, for repairs done at the old goal in this city, fitted up for the reception of troops, the ſum of 226 dollars:

To Joſeph Page, for his ſervice in attending the powder waggons to Virginia, the ſum of 55 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Benjamin Harriſon, Eſq:

To Jacob Garrigues, for tranſcribing minutes, letters, &c. for Congreſs, the ſum of 48.2 dollars:

To John Bruce, for 402 tin cartouch-boxes, the ſum of 174.2 dollars:

To John Armer and Samuel Allen, for bringing baggage, &c. belonging to Meſſrs. Dulhunt and Gamilli, from New-York to Philadelphia, the ſum of 21 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Samuel Allen:

To ſundry perſons for horſe-hire, proviſions, &c. the ſum of 12.5 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to John Alſop, Eſq:

To Clement Biddle, for proviſions, &c. for the Britiſh troops of the 7th and 26th regiments, who are priſoners, the ſum of 294 dollars, and for wampum for the ſouthern department, the ſum of 59 dollars:

To Ludowic Kuhn, for boarding part of captain Roman's company of matroſſes, the ſum of 59.8 dollars:

To William Shepherd, for two horſes ſold by him to general Lee, and for ſundry articles of geers, the ſum of 175.7 dollars:

To Matthias Slough, for proviſions for the 7th and 26th regiments of Britiſh troops from the 26th February, to the 21ſt March, the ſum of 193.3 dollars.

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

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Lord Stirling having, agreeable to the order of Congreſs of the 19th of March laſt, appointed perſons to value the boat of Michael Kearney jun. and tranſmitted to Congreſs the valuation by them made, amounting to 725 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſame be paid to the ſaid Michael Kearney.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *April* 10. 1776.

Two letters of the 1ſt from general Waſhington were laid before Congreſs and read: Alſo a letter of the 8th from John Connolly.

Reſolved, That the letters from general Waſhington be referred to a committee of the whole Congreſs.

The committee to whom the report on indian affairs in the middle department, and the petition of captain White Eyes were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department, or any one of them, be deſired to employ for reaſonable ſalaries a miniſter of the goſpel to reſide among the Delaware Indians, and inſtruct them in the Chriſtian religion; a ſchoolmaſter to teach their youth reading, writing, and arithmetic; alſo a blackſmith to do the work of the Indians in the middle department.

Reſolved, That the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department, be deſired to provide, at the expence of the United Colonies for the entertainment of the ſachems and warriors of the indians, and their attendants and meſſengers, with the accuſtomed hoſpitality, when they come to Pittſburgh to treat, or give intelligence of public affairs, or upon a viſit.

Reſolved, That the commiſſioners for indian affairs be deſired to acquaint the indians in their reſpective departments, that Congreſs have formed a plan for importing goods to ſupply their neceſſities:

That the commiſſioners for indian affairs be deſired to enquire and report the cauſe of the diſcontent of the indians in the middle department, what meaſures may be purſued to reſtore quiet and harmony, and to uſe their utmoſt endeavours in the mean time to prevent hoſtilities.

Reſolved, That although the proſperity of Dartmouth college in the colony of New-Hampſhire, is a deſireable object, it is neither ſeaſonable nor prudent to contribute towards its relief or ſupport out of the public treaſury.

Reſolved, That ſo ſoon as conveniently may be, a treaty be held between the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department, and the nations of indians to the weſtward; and that the ſaid commiſſioners be deſired to appoint the time and place of meeting for that purpoſe, and give the indians information of thereof.

Reſolved, That it be referred to captain George Morgan, Eneas Mackay,

Mackay, Eſq. and captain John Neville, to adjuſt and determine all matters of difference between Coquataginta, or captain White Eyes, and Meſſrs. Bernard Gratz and Michael Gratz; and that the arbitrators, in caſe either of the parties, to whom it is recommended to ſubmit to their award, ſhall refuſe to abide thereby, report the reaſons of ſuch refuſal, with a ſtate of the caſe, and any other matters they ſhall think fit, to Congreſs.

That diſputes which ſhall ariſe between any of the white people and the indians in their dealings, (if the latter will conſent) be determined by arbitrators choſen, one by each of the parties, and another by the commiſſioners for indian affairs, or when they are abſent, by the agent in the department where the indian party reſides.

The Congreſs then proceeded to the choice of an agent for indian affairs in the middle department, and the ballots being taken and examined,

George Morgan, Eſq. was elected.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 300 dollars be preſented to captain White Eyes.

Reſolved, That George Morgan, Eſq. the agent for indian affairs in the middle department, be impowered to purchaſe for captain White Eyes, two horſes with two ſaddles and briddles, and that the treaſurers be directed to pay to the ſaid George Morgan, a ſum not exceeding 100 dollars for defraying the expences thereof.

Reſolved, That the following ſpeech be delivered to captain White Eyes to-morrow morning.

Brother captain White Eyes,

" We have not been unmindful of our promiſe made to you and your nation, the 16th of December. We now thank you for your ſpeech to us the 2d of laſt month.

Brothers the Delawares,

At the council fire at Pittſburgh, laſt fall, and ſince by our brother captain White Eyes, who hath been all the winter with us, you requeſted our aſſiſtance to promote peace and uſeful knowledge among you, particularly the knowledge of the Chriſtian religion. We rejoice, brothers, to find you thus diſpoſed, and will, as early as we can, provide a ſuitable miniſter and ſchoolmaſter, and a ſober man to inſtruct you in agriculture. Theſe things we agree to do, brothers, at your requeſt, and to convince you that we wiſh to advance your happineſs, and that there may be a laſting union between us, and that, as you expreſs it, we may become one people. The introduction of uſeful arts among you will be effected, we apprehend, by encouraging handicraft men to ſettle and reſide in your country. The method of doing this, muſt be left to your own diſcretion.

Brothers,

We deſire you will make it known among all the indian nations to the weſtward, that we are determined to cultivate peace and friendſhip

friendſhip with them, and that we will endeavour by making the beſt regulations in our power, to prevent any of our people wronging them in any manner, or taking their lands; and that we will ſtrive to put the trade between us on ſuch a footing as will ſecure the peace, and promote the intereſt of all parties; and we expect, that all the wiſe men of every indian nation will uſe their influence for the ſame purpoſe.

Brothers,

We have named George Morgan, Eſq. as agent under our commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department, and we deſire you will confer with him on whatever buſineſs you may have with us. We hope you will inform him of all public matters. We recommend him to your friendſhip.

Brothers,

You tell us, that your uncles, our brothers, the Wiandots have given your nation a large tract of country, comprehended between the river Ohio on the ſouth, the weſt branch of the river Muſkingham and Sanduſky on the Weſt, Lake Erie on the North, and Preſque-Iſle on the eaſt.

Brothers,

Hearken to our advice. As we are informed that your uncles our brothers the ſix nations claim moſt of thoſe lands, we recommend it to you to obtain their approbation of this grant to you from the Wiandots in public council, and have it put on record. Such a ſtep will prevent uneaſineſs and jealouſy on their part, and continue the confidence and friendſhip which ſubſiſts between you and them. We wiſh to promote the laſting peace and happineſs of all our brothers the indian nations, who live with us on this great iſland. As far as your ſettlement and ſecurity may depend upon us, you may be aſſured of our protection. We ſhall take all the care in our power, that no interruption or diſturbance be given you by our people, nor ſhall any of them be ſuffered by force or fraud to deprive you of any of your lands, or to ſettle them without a fair purchaſe from you, and your free conſent. If contrary to our intention, any injury ſhould be offered to you by any of our people, inform us of it, and we ſhall be always ready to procure you ſatisfaction and redreſs.

Brother captain White Eyes,

We deſire you will inform your nation, your uncles the ſix nations, and Wiandots, your grand children the Shawaneſe, and all the other nations, what you have ſeen and heard among us, and exhort them to keep faſt hold of the covenant chain of friendſhip which we have ſo lately repaired and ſtrengthened. As you are now about to depart, we preſent you with ſome money to buy cloaths and neceſſaries, and pay your expences, and we wiſh you a good journey, and bid you farewell.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

THURSDAY,

THURSDAY, *April* 11, 1776.

A letter of the 7th, from gen. Putnam at New-York, with ſundry papers encloſed, was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That an order for 10,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Carpenter Wharton commiſſary, for the uſe of the Pennſylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To lieutenant colonel Zedwitz for expences in curing a wound received by him in falling from the walls of Quebec, and his expences from thence to Philadelphia, the ſum of 255.6 dollars:

To John Hales, for carriage hire, &c. for the commiſſioners going to Canada, the ſum of 223 dollars:

To Oliver Woolcot, Eſq; for his expences in attending a treaty with the ſix nations at Albany, the ſum of 60 dollars:

To Dr. Jonathan Potts, for attending the priſoners at Reading, the ſum of 76.6 dollars; and for medicines, &c. provided for the troops in the middle department, the ſum of 134.6 dollars, amounting together to the ſum of 211.2 dollars.

To the following perſons for boarding, &c. gen. Lee's guard, *viz.*

Richard Jacobs,	the ſum of	6.4 dollars.
William Staddleman.		7.4
William M'Dowell,		3.4
Lawrence Fegan,		8.4
Jacob Wyncoop,		13.6
Michael Gallagher,		1.8
John Kerlin,		8.6
Charles Stultz,		3.7

To captain Long, for ſo much advanced by him to captain John Nelſon, of one of the riffle companies, the ſum of 10.7 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That the committee of claims allow for the ſupport of the hoſtages ſent by gen. Schuyler from Tryon county, the ſum of two dollars a week.

Reſolved That two new members be added to the cannon committee, in the room of two who are abſent:

The members choſen, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Whipple.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſupply the delegates of Maryland with one ton of powder for the uſe of the inhabitants of the eaſtern ſhore in that colony.

Reſolved, That the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania be requeſted to provide proper barracks or quarters for ſuch of the continental troops as may be from time to time in the city of Philadelphia.

Reſolved, That the commanding officer at New-York, be directed to diſcharge the militia of New-Jerſey who are in the pay of the continent:

That the commanding officer at New-York be directed to discharge the whole or such parts of the militia of New-York and Connecticut, now in the pay of the continent, as the public service will permit.

A petition from Eliphalet Dyer and William Williams in behalf of the colony of Connecticut, was presented to Congress and read, setting forth that the colony has advanced large sums of money for the continent over and above what have been paid them, that tho' they have used their utmost diligence they have not yet been able to prepare a full state of their accounts to lay before Congress, and as their treasury is exhausted, and the colony and the public interest in danger of suffering for want of supplies, praying that the Congress would advance to the colony the sum of fifty thousand pounds lawful money, in part of their advances.

Resolved, That the sum of 166,666⅔ dollars be advanced to the colony of Connecticut, on account of their advances for the service of the continent, the said colony to be accountable.

Captain White Eyes being called in, the speech was delivered to him, and the money paid.

Resolved, That fifty dollars be paid to Isaac Stille the interpreter.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the conventions and committees or councils of safety of Virginia and North-Carolina, to provide for the maintainance and security of such of the enemy as are made prisoners in their colonies, agreeable to the regulations of Congress for the support of prisoners, and that the expence thereof be defrayed by the continent.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the truth of the report respecting governor Tryon's exacting an oath from persons going by the packet, and to ascertain the fact by affidavits taken before a chief justice, or other chief magistrate;

The members chosen, Mr. Jay, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. Wilson.

Resolved, That the sum of thirty dollars be advanced to John Harkess, a wounded soldier, who was discharged at Cambridge without any pay.

Information being given that Mr. Hewes, a prisoner, has been defrauded of a large quantity of goods;

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the truth of this matter, and report to Congress:

The members chosen, Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Huntingdon, and Mr. Duane.

The committee, to whom the petition of John Secord was referred, brought in their report, which was read.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several assemblies, conventions, and committees or councils of safety of the United Colonies, to use their best endeavours in communicating to foreign nations the resolutions of Congress relative to trade.

Adjourned

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *April* 12. 1776.

A letter of the 21ſt March, from W. H. Drayton, preſident of the convention of South-Carolina, with a copy of the act of parliament prohibiting all trade and commerce with the American colonies: Alſo,

A letter of the 10th inſtant from colonel John Haſlet, incloſing an account of the engagement between the detachment of the Delaware battalion at Lewes, and a tender of the Roebuck; alſo informing that another company is wanted at Lewes Town, and that he has ordered one to march thither, were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the conduct of colonel Haſlet in ordering another company to Lewes Town, be approved.

The committee on qualifications having recommended James Hunter as a fit perſon to fill the oldeſt vacancy of ſecond lieutenant, and Joel Weſtcoat as a ſuitable perſon to fill the ſecond oldeſt vacancy of ſecond lieutenant in the third Pennſylvania battalion;

Reſolved, That commiſſions be granted to them accordingly.

Reſolved, That the treaſurers be directed to pay Mr. Price the ſum of 16,000 dollars in ſpecie, in part of the ſum ordered to be advanced to him and Mr. Haywood.

A petition from colonel James Eaſton was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Braxton, Mr. Duane, and Mr. Alexander.

Reſolved, That the aſſemblies, conventions, and committees or councils of ſafety of the colonies reſpectively, in which priſoners are or ſhall chuſe, or be appointed to reſide, be impowered to remove ſuch priſoners from place to place within the ſame colonies, as often as to ſuch aſſemblies, conventions, or committees or councils of ſafety reſpectively, it ſhall ſeem proper, having regard to the former reſolutions of Congreſs concerning priſoners.

Reſolved, That Mr. Alexander be appointed a member of the marine committee, in the room of Mr. Chaſe who is abſent.

A memorial from the Scotch hoſtages was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee of claims.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Henry Holler, for riffles and caſh furniſhed to captain Nelſon's company of riffle men, the ſum of 364.8 dollars to be charged to ſaid company; and for proviſions for ſaid company, the ſum of 171.3 dollars; and for neceſſaries provided for priſoners at Reading, 1203 dollars; and for his pay as quarter maſter in procuring proviſions, 59 dollars; for proviſions made for receiving

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the priſoners from Johnſtown, the ſum of 240 dollars; for expreſſes and incidental charges, the ſum of 62.9 dollars; the whole amounting to 2101 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

SATURDAY, *April* 13, 1776.

Reſolved, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of James Meaſe commiſſary, for the uſe of the Pennſylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

Mr. Meaſe having applied to Congreſs for advice how to conduct himſelf in paying the ſixth Pennſylvania battalion;

Reſolved, That the queries propounded by Mr. Meaſe be referred to the committee for procuring fire arms.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Robert Erwin, the ballance of his account for waggon hire, the ſum of 436 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

A petition from the committees of the townſhips of Walpack, Sandyſtone, and Montague, in the county of Suſſex in New-Jerſey, was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to the commiſſioners for indian affairs, who are members of Congreſs.

The committee appointed to prepare a reſolution for the ſale and conſumption of the teas now in theſe colonies, brought in the ſame, which was read and agreed to, as follows:

Whereas by the third article of the aſſociation entered into by the late Continental Congreſs at Philadelphia, on the 24th day of October, in the Year of our Lord 1774, it was agreed, that from that day the inhabitants of the United Colonies "would not purchaſe nor uſe any tea imported on account of the Eaſt India company, or any on which a duty had been or ſhould be paid, and from and after the firſt day of March then next following, they would not purchaſe or uſe any Eaſt India tea whatever:" And whereas it has been repreſented to this Congreſs, that the time as aforeſaid limited for the conſumption of the tea then on hand was too ſhort; whereby many zealous friends to the American cauſe, who had imported large quantities of that commodity, with deſign not merely to advance their fortunes, but to counteract the plan then purſued by the miniſtry, and India company, to introduce and ſell in theſe colonies tea ſubject to duty, are likely to become great ſufferers; the greater part of the eſtates of many of them being veſted in that article, and they by that means rendered incapable not only of paying their debts and maintaining their families, but alſo of vigorouſly exerting themſelves in the ſervice of their country: And whereas it was originally the deſign of Congreſs, that all India tea, which had been imported agreeable to the

the tenor of the ſaid aſſociation, might be ſold and conſumed, but the time limited for that purpoſe proving too ſhort;

Reſolved, That all India tea imported as aforeſaid, expreſly excepting all teas imported by or on account of the Eaſt India company, now remaining on hand in theſe colonies be ſold and uſed:

And whereas from the future importation of tea being prohibited, ſome tea-holders may be tempted to avail themſelves of the ſcarcity which will be occaſioned by it, and exact exorbitant prices for an article of little real value in itſelf, and which owes its worth to an habit in many reſpects pernicious to the inhabitants of theſe colonies;

Reſolved, therefore, That Bohea tea ought not to be ſold by retail in the ſmalleſt quantities at a higher price in any colony, than at the rate of three fourth parts of a dollar per pound; and other teas at ſuch a price as ſhall be regulated by the committees of the town or county, where the tea is ſold; and that all perſons, who ſhall either give or take a greater price for it, ought to be conſidered as enemies to the American cauſe, and treated accordingly. And it is earneſtly recommended to all committees of inſpection and obſervation as well to be vigilant in carrying this reſolve into execution, as thoſe which prohibit the importation of India tea from any part of the world, it being the deſire of Congreſs to exclude all teas, except ſuch as may make part of the cargoes of prizes taken by ſhips of war or privateers belonging to theſe colonies.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to lieutenant colonel Hartley one quarter caſk of powder, to repay ſo much by him borrowed for the uſe of the continent.

The committee appointed to prepare a letter to the committee of ſafety of New-Jerſey, brought in a draught, which being read was agreed to:

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed, ſigned by the preſident and tranſmitted.

The committee appointed to conſider the repreſentation and queries of James Meaſe reſpecting the ſixth battalion of troops commanded by colonel Irvine, brought in their report, which was read: Whereupon,

Reſolved, That the certificates of magiſtrates or other reſpectable inhabitants of the county of Cumberland, who have inſpected and examined the companies of the ſaid battalion, ſhall in this inſtance juſtify the pay-maſter in paying ſuch companies agreeable to the ſaid certificates, the muſter maſter being abſent:

That the ſupernumerary privates, that have been inliſted and are armed and cloathed, be continued and paid:

That the officers in the ſaid battalion be paid for their ſubſiſtance ſince the recruiting ſervice has been over, at the rates uſed in other battalions:

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That the claim of the enſign in captain Wilſon's company to pay and ſubſiſtance, from the time of entering into actual ſervice, be allowed.

Reſolved, That the marine committee be impowered to build two gallies, capable of carrying each two 36 or 42 pounders, to oppoſe the enemy's veſſels in bays and harbours.

Reſolved, That the committee for caſting cannon be directed to contract for the caſting forty howitzers, with a ſufficient quantity of ſhells.

The committee appointed to take into conſideration the application of James Hughes, late town major of Montreal, and now one of the priſoners of the thirteen United Colonies, brought in their report; wherein they repreſent,

"That it appears to them that Mrs. Hughes, the wife of the ſaid James Hughes on or about the 5th of February laſt, bargained with a certain Jabez Weſt, for divers goods and merchandize in her poſſeſſion at Montreal, for which the ſaid Weſt, as the ſaid J. Hughes alledges, agreed to pay £ 905: 11: 9: $\frac{3}{4}$ ſterling money of Great Britain, and £ 151: 1: 9: Hallfax currency, in gold and ſilver to the ſaid Hughes, within eighteen days from that time, upon which payment being made, the goods were to be delivered at Albany, to the ſaid Weſt, by a certain John Stevenſon of Albany; to whom they were to be ſent at the expence of the ſaid Weſt: That the ſaid Weſt paid to the ſaid Hughes, 240 dollars in part, but it was, as the ſaid Hughes alledges, agreed that if the reſidue of the money was not paid within the time limited, then the 240 dollars were to be forfeited, and the goods not to be delivered; that the goods arrived at Albany, and were in the poſſeſſion of Mr. Stevenſon, who, on the 11th of March laſt, by ſome means or other, was induced to deliver the goods to Weſt, though he paid no money; that the ſaid Weſt gave a bond to the ſaid Stevenſon, payable to the ſaid Hughes, for £ 1609: 18: 8 continental currency, on the 9th of April inſtant, without any authority from the ſaid Hughes, as he alledges; that the ſaid Weſt proceeded with the goods, immediately on the receipt of them, to ſome of the eaſtern colonies, and it is apprehended to Connecticut. Upon the whole, the committee are of opinion, that the ſaid Hughes may probably loſe his debt from Weſt, without the interpoſition of Congreſs, or their permiſſion to him to go in purſuit of the ſaid Weſt." Whereupon

Reſolved, That governor Trumbull of the colony of Connecticut, be deſired to direct the moſt effectual method, according to law, to be taken for ſecuring the perſon of Jabez Weſt, or his effects to the value of the debt due to James Hughes, if either can be found in his government; and to ſee that juſtice be done in the premiſſes.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY,

MONDAY, *April* 15, 1776.

A letter of the 4th from general Washington, enclosing a letter from governor Cooke, and an account of the powder supplied the army at Cambridge, by the colony of Massachusetts-Bay, from the 10th of June last: Also a letter of the 2d from general Schuyler, with eight papers enclosed, being laid before Congress and read:

Resolved, That the said letters with the papers enclosed, be referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. Harrison, and Mr. S. Adams.

The committee to whom the petition from the committees of Walpack, &c. was referred, brought in their report, which was agreed to. Whereupon,

Resolved, That an order be drawn by the chairman of the secret committee upon Henry Wisner, Esq; in favour of the petitioners, for 200 lb. of powder, they paying for the same:

That 1000 flints be delivered to the petitioners:

That the petitioners be desired to send Garret Broadhead, Esq; to the nearest Indian settlement, in order to discover whether any uneasiness subsists among the Indians in that part of the country; and if it subsists, from what cause it arises:

That a letter be written by the president of the Congress to general Schuyler, to inform him of the apprehension of the inhabitants on the western boundaries of New-Jersey from the Indians, to request him to direct proper inquiries to be made, whether there be any foundation for such apprehensions.

The Congress taking into consideration the report of the committee on the petition of John Secord:

Resolved, That a certified copy of the said petition be transmitted to the governor of Connecticut; that he be requested to cause inquiry to be made into the truth of the facts therein stated, and if found true, that it be recommended to him to cause restitution to be made to the petitioner.

Resolved, That it be again recommended to the settlers at Wyoming and the Susquehannah river, as well those under Pennsylvania as those under Connecticut, to cultivate harmony, to consider themselves as jointly interested in the event of the American cause, and not by mutual acts of violence or oppression, to injure that union that happily subsists between all the colonies, and on which their welfare so much depends.

Resolved, That the secret committee be directed to supply the inhabitants of Monmouth county in New-Jersey, with 300 lb. of powder, they paying for the same.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to bring in a resolution, whereby persons resident, having property in America, who assist any of the enemies of the United Colonies in the capture of vessels or goods, may be made liable to make good the damages to the sufferers.

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The members chosen, Mr. Braxton, Mr. Jay, and Mr. Wythe.

A petition from Moses Kirkland, a prisoner, was presented to Congress and read.

Resolved, That it be referred to the committee on prisoners.

The Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the ways and means of supplying the troops in Canada; whereupon,

Resolved, That Mr. R. Morris be directed to purchase bills of exchange to the amount of three thousand pounds sterling, and deliver the same to Mr. Price; and that Mr. Morris be indemnified for any loss that may arise from indorsing them:

That the sum of 13,333·3 dollars be advanced to Mr. Price, to be employed by him in the service of the continent, in Canada, he to be accountable.

Resolved, That the officers of the rifle battalion, and independent rifle companies, be authorised and directed to recruit the said battalion and companies, and inlist the men as speedily as possible; and that their re-inlistment be for two years from the expiration of their present term, liable to be discharged sooner, if Congress shall think proper, upon receiving a month's pay advance.

A petition from Thomas Leaming, jun. in behalf of the committee of inspection for the county of cape May, was presented to Congress and read, setting forth the defenceless state of that part of the country, and praying for a supply of powder and lead, and that two companies of the continental forces may be stationed there:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *April* 16, 1776.

A letter of the 9th from commodore E. Hopkins, inclosing a list of the cannon and stores brought from providence; and a letter of the 14th from the committee of Baltimore, inclosing copies of intercepted letters from the secretary of state to governor Eden; also a letter of the 8th from general Thomas, were laid before Congress and read.

Ordered, That the secretary publish an extract of the letter from commodore Hopkins.

The Congress taking into consideration the letter from the committee of Baltimore, and the papers enclosed, came to the following resolutions:

Whereas information has been this day laid before Congress, from which there is great reason to believe that Robert Eden, Esq. governor of Maryland, has lately carried on a correspondence with the British ministry, highly dangerous to the liberties of America;

Resolved, therefore, That the council of safety of Maryland be earnestly

earneſtly requeſted immediately to cauſe the perſon and papers of governor Eden to be ſeized and ſecured, and ſuch of the papers as relate to the American diſpute, without delay conveyed ſafely to Congreſs; and that copies of the intercepted letters from the ſecretary of ſtate be incloſed to the ſaid council of ſafety.

Reſolved, That the council of ſafety of Maryland be requeſted to cauſe the perſon and papers of Alexander Roſs to be immediately ſeized and ſecured, and that the papers be ſent ſafely to Congreſs.

And to prevent the ſaid Alexander Roſs having any opportunity to eſcape;

Reſolved, That the like requeſt be made to the committees of obſervation for Baltimore and Frederic counties in Maryland, in one of which counties the ſaid Alexander Roſs probably now is.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Iſaac Melchior, for expences from Montreal to Philadelphia, including a part of St. Luke La Corne's expences to Albany, the ſum of 34.7 dollars:

To Leonard Melchior, for boarding M'Donald twenty days, the ſum of 16 dollars:

To William Chew, for riding expreſs to North-Carolina and back, including ferriages, the ſum of 90 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to J. Hughes, Eſq:

To Samuel Purviance, jun. the ſum of 133.3 dollars, money advanced by colonel Charles Beaty to captain James Grier, and that the ſame ought to be paid, and charged to the ſaid James Grier:

To Anthony Tricker, for boarding Donald M'Donald and others of the Scots priſoners taken by general Schuyler, near Johnſtown, the ſum of 150 dollars:

To Peletiah Webſter, for purchaſing goods for the continent, including ſome incidental charges, the ſum of 66.3 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſupply the inhabitants of Monmouth county with 500 flints.

The Congreſs proceeded to the election of a clerk or aſſiſtant to the auditor general:

Mr. William Webb was elected.

A letter of the 15th from H. Beaumont, ſurgeon of the 26th regiment, was laid before Congeſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee on priſoners.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 1000 dollars be paid to Meſſrs. Price and Haywood, in conſideration of their extraordinary ſervices in Canada.

Whereas much inconvenience may be derived to the public from committees, others than the committee of ſafety in each colony, on the public poſt roads, ſtopping and opening the mails, and detaining letters from the conſtitutional poſt;

Resolved, That no committee, but the council or committee of safety in each colony, or such persons as they shall on extraordinary occasions authorise, shall stop the constitutional post, open the mail, or detain any letters therefrom.

Resolved, That the president write to commodore Hopkins, and direct him to send a complete list and state of the stores taken and brought from Providence, with the sizes of the cannon, &c. And in case he should have left New-London, that governor Trumbull be desired to ordera list of the stores left at New-London by commodore Hopkins to be made out and transmitted to Congress.

Resolved, That the cannon and such other of the stores as are not necessary for the fleet be landed and left at New-London, and that such of the cannon and wheels as governor Trumbull shall direct, may be employed for the defence of that harbour, during the pleasure of Congress.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *April* 17. 1776.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To John Avery, jun. for riding express from commodore Hopkins and back again, the sum of 40.7 dollars.

Ordered, That the same be paid.

Resolved, That the marine committee be instructed to recommend to Congress proper persons for commission officers for the frigates now building, and that the warrant officers be appointed by the said committee; and that they fit said frigates for sea with all expedition:

That the marine committee recommend to Congress proper persons to be agents for prizes in the several colonies:

That a bounty of eight dollars be allowed by the public to the owner of every American vessel for every able seaman that he shall import into the United Colonies, over and above the number the said vessel carried out; and that foreigners importing able seamen over and above the ship's company, and discharging them in the American ports, shall be intitled to the same bounty.

Resolved, That the nomination or appointment of captains or commanders of continental vessels shall not establish rank, which is to be settled by Congress before commissions are granted.

The Congress having proceeded to the election of captains for the two frigates building in Massachusett's-Bay:

William Manly, and

Isaac Cozneau were elected.

Resolved, That the secret committee be impowered to give orders for the arming and manning abroad any of the ships or vessels employed in the importation of cargoes for the continental account; the expences and charges of such armaments to be paid by the said committee; they receiving for the public service,

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on the arrival of every veſſel, all the arms, ammunition and ſtores.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be impowered to import cargoes of ſalt on the continental account, in ſuch ſhips or veſſels as they employ to carry outward cargoes, and are obliged to inſure on their return.

Reſolved, That the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania be requeſted to permit John Young, jun. and Johnſton Smith to carry to Virginia all ſuch arms as they have already purchaſed, or ſhall purchaſe in Pennſylvania, for the uſe of the continental army in the ſaid colony of Virginia, before the firſt day of May next; not to exceed one thouſand ſtand in the whole.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſupply Mr. Thomas Leaming with 200 lb. of powder, for the militia of Cape May, he paying for the ſame.

Reſolved, That the commanding officer at New-York be directed to order two companies of colonel Dayton's battalion to march to Cape May, and there to remain till farther orders.

Reſolved, That the petition of Dr. Jackſon be referred to the committee of claims.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *April* 18, 1776.

A letter of the 15th from general Waſhington. And,

A letter of the 7th of November laſt, from the rev. Samuel Langden, accompanied with a letter from general Putnam, and colonels Glover, Bridge, Fry, and Preſcot. Alſo,

A letter from James Warren, Eſq; pay-maſter general, deſiring leave to reſign, were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the ſaid letters be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Read, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Braxton.

A letter from Elizabeth Seymour, widow of the late maſter of the Cabbot, was laid before Congreſs and read;

Reſolved, That it be referred to the marine committee.

Reſolved, That the committee on indian affairs be directed to prepare and report a draught of inſtructions to George Morgan, Eſq; agent under the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department.

A letter of the 6th from brigadier general Lewis, and a letter of the ſame date from major general Lee, being received and read, were referred to Mr. Read, Mr. Clinton, and Mr. Braxton.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Dr. Samuel Treate, for medicine, and for attending the troops at Burlington, the ſum of 273.7 dollars:

To

To John Bull, Esq; for expences in conducting money to the camp at Cambridge, the sum of 155 dollars:

To Jacob Ming for waggonage, the sum of 107.5 dollars:

To Robert Kennedy, for necessaries furnished captain Morgan's company, the sum of 544 dollars, of which sum 189,2 being for riffles, shirts, &c. to be charged to the said company:

To Thaddeus Burr, for money paid by him for horse-hire, &c. the sum of 37.2 dollars, which ought to be charged to Jacob Hiltzheimer, express master:

To sundries, on certificates produced by Thomas Johnson, Esq; for provisions, &c. for general Lee's guard, the sum of 10.7 dollars, and for a riffle delivered to captain Cressap's company, to be charged to the said company, the sum of 10.6 dollars:

To Jane Allen, for necessaries to several companies of continental troops, the sum of 52.9 dollars, of which sum 40 dollars, ought to be charged to the first Pennsylvania battalion, and deducted from the commissary's account:

To Dr. Hall Jackson, for his services as surgeon, the sum of 130 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Elbridge Gerry, Esq:

To William Smith, for medicines, instruments, &c. for the Delaware battalion, the sum of 257.4 dollars:

To Timothy Shallor, for expences in bringing prisoners from Egg-Harbour, the sum of 37.5 dollars.

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

The marine committee having recommended gentlemen for captains of the Hornet and Wasp, Congress proceeded to an election, and the ballots being taken and examined;

William Hallock was elected captain of the Hornet; and,

Alexander captain of the Wasp.

The committee appointed to consider the propriety of establishing a war office, brought in their report, which was read.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *April* 19, 1776.

A letter of the 2d from governor Trumbull, with a petition from Noah Philips, being laid before Congress and read:

Resolved, That they be referred to the committee on qualifications.

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to examine and ascertain the value of the several species of gold and silver coins, current in these colonies, and the proportions they ought to bear to Spanish milled dollars:

The members chosen, Mr. Duane, Mr. Wythe, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Whipple.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To

To Peter Brunner, for neceſſaries furniſhed to captain Nelſon's company by himſelf and Abraham Vanhorn, the ſum of 25.2 dollars, which ought to be charged to captain Nelſon:

To Mary Miller, for proviſions, &c. furniſhed to general Lee's guard, the ſum of 16.5 dollars:

To Jacob Frantz, for horſe-hire, and carrying brigadier general Woedtke's baggage to New-York, the ſum of 47.5 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That letters which are directed to any general in the continental ſervice, commanding in a ſeparate department, be carried free of poſtage, by the conſtitutional poſt.

The committee appointed to prepare inſtructions to George Morgan, Eſq; brought in a draught which being read, was agreed to, as follows:

To George Morgan, *Eſq; Agent under the Commiſſioners for* Indian *Affairs in the middle department.*

Sir,

You are required to provide that the great belt preſented to the indians laſt fall at Pittſburgh, be forwarded with all convenient expedition to the ſachems and warriors of the weſtern nations, and endeavour to the utmoſt of your power to convince them of the good wiſhes and good intentions of Congreſs for and towards them, and to cultivate harmony and friendſhip between them and the white people, and to give Congreſs the moſt early intelligence of any interruption thereof, or of any diſturbance which ſhall ariſe, and which you cannot quiet.

Acquaint the indians that Congreſs have formed the beſt plan they could deviſe to import foreign goods for their uſe, and have neglected no probable means to procure them in time, and if they ſhould not be ſupplied ſo ſoon as they may be wanted, the misfortune is to be aſcribed to the common enemies of them and us, who by obſtructing our trade, as well as in numberleſs other inſtances are daily injuring and diſtreſſing both; but that we have well grounded hopes of ſpeedy relief, in expectation of which, and of greater advantages in proſpect, the preſent inconveniencies are born more patiently.

All differences and diſputes that ſhall happen between the indians and white people, you will have adjuſted and determined in the mode preſcribed by a reſolve of Congreſs, of which you have a copy: And you are directed in a particular manner to prevent as much as you are able, any impoſitions upon the former by thoſe who deal with them. Treat all thoſe people, with whom you may meet, kindly and hoſpitably. Inſpire them with ſentiments of juſtice and humanity, and diſpoſe them to introduce the arts of civil and ſocial life, and to encourage the reſidence of huſbandmen and handicraft men among them. Adviſe Congreſs from time to

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time of all occurrences that may in your opinion deſerve their attention.

The committee to whom general Waſhington's letter of the 15th inſtant, as well as other letters were referred, brought in their report, which being taken into conſideration was agreed to; whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Waſhington may order as many of the cannon and military ſtores, as are not neceſſary for the continental fleet, and which were lately brought into New London, by the commander thereof, to any other place he may think proper; having regard only to the permiſſion of Congreſs, relative to the defence of the harbour of New London, a copy of which ought to be ſent to general Waſhington, and alſo a liſt of the cannon and ſtores, as tranſmitted to Congreſs.

Reſolved, That the reſignation of James Warren, as pay-maſter general of the army be accepted and entered accordingly, and that he be informed there are ſuperintendants of the treaſury appointed, to whom he is to render his accounts and vouchers.

Reſolved, That another pay-maſter general be appointed and that the general be informed thereof.

As it appears from the certificates of four colonels of regiments at Cambridge, that the reverend Dr. Samuel Langdon, did not only perform the duty of a chaplain to their ſeveral regiments, for the ſpace of ſix months, for which no other chaplain had been appointed, but alſo to the army at large; Therefore,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Dr. Langdon, having received no compenſation for thoſe ſervices, be paid the ſum of 300 dollars.

Reſolved, That three tons of powder be immediately forwarded to Virginia, for the uſe of the army in the ſouthern department.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be made acquainted with general Lee's requeſt of a company of artillery, and be deſired to furniſh him with ſuch a company, if it may be done conſiſtent with the general good of the ſervice.

Reſolved, That an immediate ſupply of arms, ſhoes, and blankets, be furniſhed for the troops in Virginia, and that proper perſons be appointed to procure them, ſubject to the orders of Congreſs already entered into.

Reſolved, That Mr. Ephraim Blaine be appointed to purchaſe a quantity of blankets not exceeding 5000, and alſo that he be directed to purchaſe 5000 pair of ſhoes to be ſent to Virginia, to the commanding officer at Williamſburgh.

Reſolved, That Monday next be aſſigned for the election of a pay-maſter general.

Reſolved, That Mr. Thomas Lowry commiſſary, be directed to purchaſe and forward to general Schuyler, with all convenient diſpatch, 2000 barrels of pork for the uſe of the army in Canada, and that he be ſupplied with a ſum not exceeding 20,000 dollars for that purpoſe, he to be accountable.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That the committee appointed to confer with Mr. Price be directed to bring in a resolution to enable Messrs. Price and Haywood, to draw for the ballance of the money ordered to be paid them by the resolutions of the 3d and 16th of this month.

Resolved, That Messrs. Du Monteſſon, Hervieux, La Marque, Du Maſſaux, Shemit, Giaſſon, and Gamelin, Canadian priſoners at Briſtol be permitted to come to Philadelphia in order to purchaſe cloaths, and other neceſſaries, and to remain there ten days and then return to Briſtol.

The committee, to whom were referred the letter from general Waſhington of the 4th, and the letter from general Schuyler, of the 2d of this month, brought in their report.

The committee on priſoners having collected from the journals the ſeveral reſolutions reſpecting priſoners, and having made ſome amendments therein, ſubmitted the ſame to Congreſs.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *April* 22. 1776.

Sundry letters received ſince the adjournment, were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

One from the committee of ſafety of Maryland, dated the 18th.

One from Dr. Boyd of the 19th.

One from the committee of inſpection of Lancaſter of the 11th.

One from the Canada commiſſioners, dated Saratoga, the 13th.

One from general Waſhington of the 19th.

One from general Schuyler of the 12th, encloſing ſundry letters and papers from Canada. And,

One from the committee of inſpection of Weſt Auguſta, with ſundry papers encloſed.

Reſolved, That the four laſt with the papers encloſed, be referred to Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Jay, Mr. Braxton, and Mr. Johnſon.

Reſolved, That the conſideration of the letter from the committee of ſafety of Maryland, be poſtponed till to-morrow.

The committee appointed to prepare a reſolve reſpecting Meſſrs. Price and Haywood, brought in the ſame; whereupon,

Reſolved, That Meſſrs. Price and Haywood be impowered to draw bills of exchange on the preſident of Congreſs for the ſum of 48,358.6 dollars, payable the 5th of July next, in ſpecie; it being the ballance of a ſum ſpecified in a reſolve of the 3d of April inſtant, after deducting 16,000 dollars, for which they received an order on the treaſurers the 12th. And they are farther impowered to draw bills as aforeſaid, for 1000 dollars, ordered to be paid them by a reſolve of the 6th inſtant.

Reſolved, That the commiſſioners gone to Canada be deſired and impowered to ſettle the accounts of Meſſrs. Price and Haywood to the 5th of February laſt, or to employ proper perſons to examine the

the ſame and compare the vouchers with the ſeveral articles of ſaid accounts, and return a certificate to Congreſs of the ballance juſtly due to Meſſrs. Price and Haywood from the United Colonies to that date, with the vouchers for expenditures and ſupplies by orders of general Montgomery and general Wooſter.

Reſolved, That the ſaid commiſſioners be requeſted to return to Congreſs a liſt of ſuch perſons as are accountable to the United Colonies for any part of the articles or expenditures compriſed in Meſſrs. Price and Haywood's accounts, with the reſpective ſum ſuch perſon is chargeable with, and deliver copies thereof to the commanding officers, that the proper deductions may be made from the pay of the officers and men.

Reſolved, That an order for 1000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Mr. Samuel Fairlamb, for the uſe of colonel Wayne's battalion, he to be accountable.

The committee on qualifications having recommended Mr. Jacob Weaver, to an enſigncy which is vacant in the third Pennſylvania battalion:

Reſolved, That he be appointed, and that a commiſſion be accordingly granted to him.

The ſeveral matters referred to this day being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *April* 23, 1776.

A letter of the 12th from major general Ward being received and read, repeating his deſire for leave to reſign:

Reſolved, That the reſignation of major general Ward, and of brigadier general Fry be accepted, and that the preſident inform them thereof by letter.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Robert Erwin, for waggonage, the ſum of 873.8 dollars:

To John Dunn, the ballance in full due to colonel Heard's battalion, for their pay, ſubſiſtance, &c. on the expedition to Long Iſland, the ſum of 2453.7 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

The marine committee having agreeable to the orders of Congreſs recommended gentlemen to be agents for prizes in the ſeveral colonies.

Reſolved, That captain John Bradford be appointed for the colony of Maſſachuſett's Bay, Daniel Tillinghaſt for Rhode Iſland, Nathaniel Shaw, jun. for Connecticut, Jacobus Vanzantz for New York, John Nixon, and John Maxwell Neſbit for Pennſylvania, William Lux for Maryland, John Tazewell for Virginia, Cornelius Harnet for Wilmington, Richard Ellis for Newbern, and Robert Smith for Edentown in North-Carolina, with power to each to appoint one or more deputies, if neceſſary.

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The committee to whom the letters from gen. Washington, gen. Schuyler, and the letters from Canada and Pittsburgh were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration whereupon,

Resolved, That the president signify to colonel Hazen the approbation of Congress for his letter, and attention to the public good.

Resolved, That 300,000 dollars be immediately sent to gen. Schuyler, for supplying and paying the army in Canada.

Resolved, That the commissioners of Congress in Canada, be desired to publish an address to the people of Canada, signifying, that Congress has been informed of injuries offered by our people to some of them: expressing our resentment at such misconduct, assuring them of our attachment to their security; inviting them to state their grievances to our commissioners, and promising ample redress to them, and examplary punishment to the offenders.

Resolved, That instructions be sent to the commissioners to cause justice to be done to the Canadians, agreeable to the tenor of the above resolve.

Resolved, That the commanding officer in Canada, be directed to be very attentive to military discipline, and inflict examplary punishment on all those who violate the military regulations established by Congress.

Resolved, That gen. Washington, be directed to send six battalions into Canada from the army at New-York.

Resolved, That a letter be written by the president to gen. Washington, requesting his opinion whether any farther additional troops are necessary to be sent for the reduction of Quebec, and for the security of Canada, and if he shall think more troops necessary, whether they can with safety be spared from the army now in New York.

Resolved, That if any of the troops from New-Jersey or Pennsylvania, which were raised at five dollars a month, be sent to Canada, they shall be allowed at the rate of six dollars and two thirds of a dollar a month, from the time they begin their march.

Resolved, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed till to-morrow.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *April* 24. 1776.

A memorial from the committee of inspection and observation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia was presented to Congress and read.

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Duane, and Mr. Alexander.

Mr. R. Morris reported that in pursuance of the order of Con-

greſs, he has purchaſed and delivered to Mr. James Price bills of exchange to the amount of three thouſand pounds ſterling, for which he produced Mr. Price's receipt.

Reſolved, That an order for 14,800 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Mr. R. Morris in full for the above bills of exchange.

Reſolved, That the committees appointed to confer with Mr. Price, be directed to draw up inſtructions to him, for his government in diſpoſing and laying out the mony put into his hands.

Reſolved, That Mr. Trumbull the commiſſary general be directed to provide and forward to gen. Schuyler, two thouſand barrels of pork, with all poſſible diſpatch, for the uſe of the continental army in Canada, and that the ſaid commiſſary be ſupplied with a ſum not exceeding 20,000 dollars for that purpoſe, he to be accountable for the ſame.

Reſolved, That Mr. Alſop, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Lewis be requeſted to purchaſe and forward with all convenient diſpatch, to gen. Schuyler for the uſe of the continental army in Canada, 10,000 pair of ſhoes, 10,000 pair of ſtockings; and that 15,000 dollars be advanced to them for thoſe purpoſes, they to be accountable.

Reſolved, That a letter be written to gen. Schuyler to inform him of the ten additional battalions lately ordered for Canada, and of the 4000 barrels of pork, and the 10,000 pair of ſhoes, and 10,000 pair of ſtockings, ordered by Congreſs to be ſent to him; and to deſire him to purſue the beſt means for furniſhing ſuch other neceſſary articles of cloathing and food as may be wanting for the continental army in Canada, having regard to ſuch of theſe as Mr. Price the commiſſary in that province can ſupply there: Alſo that general Schuyler be deſired to inform the preſident what quantity of gun powder he has received for Canada ſince the firſt of January laſt, and that he continue, as hitherto, to give the earlieſt notice to Congreſs of the occaſion for further ſupplies of this and other neceſſaries that may be wanting, and not in his power to procure.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to forward from Mr. Wiſner's and Mr. Livingſton's powder mills, five tons of powder to gen. Schuyler, to be by him forwarded to Canada.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To John Gibſon, agent appointed by the commiſſioners for indian affairs, for ſundry ſervices in the middle department by order of the commiſſioners, the ſum of 377.9 dollars:

To John Davis, for waggonage for the 6th Pennſylvania battalion, the ſum of 60 dollars:

To Furman and Hunt, for proviſions, &c. for the priſoners at Trenton, the ſum of 183.8 dollars:

To Duncan M'Donald, the ſum of 15.8 dollars, of which ſum 13.6 dollars ought to be charged to captain Hendrick's company, and

and 22 dollars to captain Cluggage's company, for goods furniſhed to the ſaid companies; and that the ſame ought to be paid to Ephraim Blaine, Eſq:

To Margaret Smith, for nurſing two men in the ſmall pox, belonging to captain Benezet's company, the ſum of 24 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The convention of South-Carolina having appointed delegates to repreſent that colony in Congreſs, the credentials of their appointment were preſented to Congreſs and read, as follows:

" *In Congreſs, Charleſtown, South-Carolina, Feb.* 16. 1776.

Reſolved, That Thomas Lynch, John Rutledge, Edward Rutledge, Arthur Middleton, and Thomas Heyward, jun. Eſqrs. be, and they are hereby appointed and fully authoriſed to repreſent this colony in the continental Congreſs, for one year next enſuing.

March 23. 1776.

Reſolved, That the delegates of this colony in continental Congreſs, or a majority of ſuch of them as ſhall at any time be preſent in the ſaid Congreſs, or any one of the ſaid delegates, if no more than one ſhall be preſent, be, and they and he are, and is hereby authoriſed and empowered, for and in behalf of this colony, to concert, agree to, and execute every meaſure, which they or he, together with a majority of the continental Congreſs, ſhall judge neceſſary for the defence, ſecurity, intereſt, and welfare of this colony in particular, and of America in general.

Reſolved, That another delegate be forthwith choſen by ballot by this Congreſs, to repreſent this colony in the continental Congreſs, in addition to, and with as full powers in all reſpects as the delegates already choſen have, and are inveſted with. The Congreſs then proceeded to ballot for ſaid delegate, and Thomas Lynch, jun. Eſq. appearing to be, and being declared duly choſen,

Reſolved, That Thomas Lynch, jun. Eſq. be, and he is hereby appointed a ſixth delegate from this colony, to repreſent the ſame in the continental Congreſs.

A true copy,

PETER TIMOTHY, *Sec.*"

The Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole to take into conſideration general Waſhington's letter of the 27th of March, and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee have had under conſideration the letter referred to them, but not having come to any determination thereon, deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the letter from general Waſhington of the 27th of March, and the petition incloſed therein.

The other matters to this day referred, being poſtponed.

Adjourned

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *April* 25. 1776.

Two letters from general Washington of the 22d and 23d were laid before Congress and read;

Resolved, That they be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. J. Adams, and Mr. Hewes.

Resolved, That an order for 2000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of Ephraim Blaine, Esq. for the purpose of purchasing shoes and blankets for the continental troops in Virginia; he to be accountable.

The committee on qualifications having recommended Thomas Holland to be a second lieutenant in the Delaware battalion, in the room of James M'Donnough, deceased, and John Corse, Ensign, in the room of Thomas Holland:

Resolved, That commissions be granted to them accordingly.

The committee to whom the petition of Noah Phelps was referred, brought in their report, which was agreed to; whereupon,

Resolved, That the committee of inspection of the city of Albany be requested to adjust Mr. Noah Phelps's account of services performed at Ticonderoga; and that Mr. Noah Phelps be allowed and paid for his further services, including those of contractor from the time of his joining general Montgomery, at the rate of one dollar for each day, until he quitted the service, and an equivalent to a captain's rations during the said time, provided he has not already had them; the latter account to be settled by general Schuyler, who is requested to pay to the said Noah Phelps, what may appear to be due to him for the whole of his services aforesaid.

The committee to whom the letter from lord Stirling of the 10th of March last, with the papers therein inclosed, was referred, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

On application from the committee of lower Pennsneck in the county of Salem in New-Jersey,

Resolved, That the secret committee be directed to sell to the said committee, 75 lb. of gun-powder.

Resolved, That a copy of the intercepted letter from John Butler at Niagara, dated the 29th of February, be sent to general Schuyler.

Resolved, That a copy of the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the truth and foundation of the story, "That the indians have been invited by governor Penn to come to Philadelphia," be sent to general Schuyler; and that general Schuyler be directed to cause the person to be arrested, who pretended to have carried such invitation to the indians.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

For

For the expences of general Lee's guard, the ſum of 10.8 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Timothy Matlock.

On a draught drawn by Ephraim Blaine, Eſq. on the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department, in favour of Samuel Semple, the ſum of 77 dollars, for expences of the ſaid commiſſioners, and that the ſaid ſum ought to be paid to Robert Miller, Eſq of the county of Cumberland.

For the ſubſiſtance of A. Hill Brice, captain of the 7th regiment of foot, of royal fuſileers, the ſum of 39.5 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Thomas M'Kean, Eſq. and charged to the ſaid captain.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Agreeable to the order of the day, Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the letter from general Waſhington of the 27th March laſt, and the papers therein incloſed, and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported that the committee had come to a reſolution, on the matters referred to them, which he read and delivered in.

The report being again read,

Reſolved, That the conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

Information being given to Congreſs that Allan Cameron, who is confined in goal, is in ſuch a ſtate of health as to require the attendance of a phyſician, and that he is deſirous of the aſſiſtance of Dr. Cadwallader.

Reſolved, That Dr. Cadwallader have leave to attend him.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *April* 26. 1776.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſettle and pay to the colony of Connecticut the powder lent by the ſaid colony to general Waſhington, for the uſe of the continent, and to act as they ſhall judge beſt for the public ſervice, and the benefit of Connecticut, in exchanging the powder which the ſaid colony has in Philadelphia, for powder in the eaſtern ports belonging to the continent.

Reſolved, That 50,000 dollars be ſent to the committee of ſafety of Virginia, and that the preſident write to the ſaid committee, and requeſt them to uſe their utmoſt endeavours to have it exchanged for ſpecie, and remit the ſame to the continental treaſurers; and in caſe they can procure more ſpecie, that they ſend it, and draw for the amount on the pay-maſter in Virginia, who is ordered to pay ſuch draughts.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 250,000 dollars be ſent to the pay-maſter in Virginia, for the uſe of the continental troops, he to be accountable.

A letter from Dr. Cadwallader was laid before Congreſs and read,

read, giving an account of A. Cameron's ſtate of health; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſaid A. Cameron be allowed the benefit of air in his room, and of walking an hour every morning in the yard, in company or preſence of the jailor, and that his uncle Dr. M'Clean from New-York, who is now in town, be allowed to converſe with him in preſence of the jailor.

Edmund Randolph, who was appointed deputy muſter-maſter general of the ſouthern departmcnt, having been choſen by the citizens of Williamſburgh to repreſent them in convention, and an ordinance having been paſſed, excluding all perſons holding any military poſt of profit from a ſeat therein, begged leave to reſign his office.

Reſolved, That the reſignation of Mr. Randolph be accepted.

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take into conſideration the ſtate of the eaſtern department, and report thereon.

The members choſen, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Johnſon, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Harriſon, and Mr. Duane.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Dr. Robert Johnſon, for attendance on the 6th battalion, and for medicines, the ſum of 53.1 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſaid account be paid.

The committee to whom the letters from general Waſhington of the 22 and 23d inſtant were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration, whereupon,

Reſolved, That the pay of the aids de camp of the commander in chief be raiſed to forty dollars a month.

Reſolved, That none of the troops already raiſed, be, for the preſent, diſbanded for want of arms; and that the general apply to the convention and committee of ſafety of New-York for ſuch arms, as may have been collected under the reſolve of Congreſs for diſarming non-aſſociators and diſaffected perſons, or any other arms they can ſupply, and that they be delivered to the New-York troops.

Reſolved, That Mr. Baldwin the aſſiſtant engineer ordered to Canada, be allowed, in conſideration of his merit, the pay and rank of lieutenant colonel on the continental eſtabliſhment.

Reſolved, That the reſpective governments, from whence militia have come for the defence of the city of New-York, be deſired ſpeedily to tranſmit to Congreſs authenticated muſter-rolls and accounts of monies due to ſuch reſpective militias, in order to their being immediately ſettled and diſcharged.

Reſolved, That Congreſs approve the aſſiſtance given by the general to commodore Hopkins.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of the report be poſtponed till to-morrow.

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Congreſs then took into conſideration the report of the committee, on the petition of colonel James Eaſton; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the claims of the perſons concerned in the ſurprize and reduction of the fortreſs of Ticonderoga, having already been ſubmitted by Congreſs to the committee of Albany, the petitioner be referred to the ſaid committee of Albany for a ſettlement of his demand on that account.

As from the teſtimonials produced by the petitioner it appears —that he and his battalion behaved with great diligence, activity, and ſpirit in the ſucceſsful enterprize againſt general Preſcot, and the veſſels and troops under his command in the river Sorell, in which important ſervice they were joined by colonel Bedel and a part of his regiment—that to encourage the party employed in that important ſervice, the late general Montgomery promiſed them all the public ſtores which ſhould be taken in the veſſels under general Preſcot's command, excepting ammunition and proviſions; and as the petitioner alledges that no part of thoſe ſtores was delivered, nor any compoſition made to the troops concerned in the acquiſition; therefore,

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the general commanding in Canada, to appoint commiſſioners to eſtimate all the public ſtores taken with general Preſcot, (excepting ammunition and proviſions) and pay the value thereof among the officers and men employed in that ſervice, in ſuch proportions as the commiſſioners ſhall determine.

As the petitioner's account of monies received, and diſburſements made by him for the uſe of his regiment, on which he claims a ballance, can, for want of proper vouchers and information here, only be adjuſted in Canada, where the buſineſs was tranſacted;

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred for ſettlement in ſuch mode as the commiſſioners from Congreſs in that province ſhall direct. But as the petitioner is in want of money,

Reſolved, That 200 dollars be advanced to him in part of his demand againſt the United Colonies.

With regard to the petitioners requeſt that a court of inquiry may be called reſpecting the charge againſt him and major Brown for plundering the effects of the priſoners. As brigadier general Arnold in his letter of the 1ſt of February laſt alledges, that the petitioner and major Brown had been publicly accuſed of plundering the officers baggage taken at Sorrell, contrary to the articles of capitulation, and to the great ſcandal of the American arms; for which reaſon he declared it to be his opinion, that it would give great diſguſt to the army in general, if either of them ſhould be promoted until theſe matters were cleared up; and as the petitioner aſſerts his innocence, declaring that he neither plundered, nor directed nor was privy to the plundering of any priſoner or other perſon whatever. Conſidering, therefore,

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on one hand, the aggravated nature of this charge, which is an impediment to the petitioner's promotion, and on the other, the great confidence repoſed in him by general Montgomery, and the eſſential ſervice which the petitioner has rendered to his country;

Reſolved, That the commiſſioners from Congreſs in Canada be inſtructed to cauſe inquiry to be made by a court-martial, or otherwiſe, into the charge againſt the petitioner, giving him an opportunity of making his defence; and that the proceedings thereon be tranſmitted to Congreſs, in order that juſtice may be done to the petitioner, if he has been accuſed without ſufficient reaſon.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *April* 27, 1776.

Reſolved, That an order for 350 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Mr. Edy; of which 250 for himſelf, and 100 for Iſaiah Beaudreau, for ſervices done.

Sundry letters and papers from North-Carolina were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

An affidavit reſpecting the capture of W. Ginn's brig.

A letter from Samuel Johnſon, preſident of the convention, dated the 10th inſtant, incloſing ſundry reſolves of the ſaid convention, and an extract of a letter from brigadier general Moore.

Reſolved, That the affidavit be delivered to the ſecret committee.

That the other papers be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Duane, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. Alexander.

Congreſs proceeded to the election of a pay-maſter general, in the room of Mr. Warren, whoſe reſignation was accepted, and the ballots being taken and examined,

William Palfrey, Eſq. was elected.

Congreſs alſo proceeded to the election of a deputy commiſſary general, for ſupplying the troops in Virginia with rations, and the ballots being taken and examined,

William Aylet, Eſq. was elected.

Reſolved, That Mr. Rodney and Mr. Read be added to the committee appointed to ſupply the troops in Philadelphia, and the battalion in the Lower Counties on Delaware.

A memorial from the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania was preſented to Congreſs and read.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *April* 29, 1776.

Sundry letters and papers being received, were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

A letter

A letter of the 25th from general Washington inclosing a return of the army at New York.

A letter from major Wrixon, declining to accept of the commission of chief engineer.

A letter from the council of safety of Maryland, with the examination of Alexander Ross, and sundry papers found in his possession.

Resolved, That the letter from general Washington, and the letter from the council of safety of Maryland, with Mr. Ross's papers, be referred to a committee of five:

The members chosen, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Goldborough, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Rodney.

Also, a letter of the 19th from general Lee, and one from Thomas Bullet; and a petition from Dr. J. Potts were read, and referred to the said committee.

Resolved, That letters be written by the president to general Schuyler and the committee of safety of New-York, desiring them to inform this Congress whether the continental commissions sent to them for the officers of the troops raised by Connecticut the last campaign, were delivered, or offered to them, or to any, and which of them, and whether any, and which of them refused, or accepted the same; and particularly whether commissions were offered to colonel Waterbury and colonel Easton, and whether they refused accepting them.

Resolved, That captain Peter Adams from Maryland, under whose custody Alexander Ross was brought to Philadelphia be dismissed, and that the said Alexander Ross be committed to the care of the officer commanding the continental troops in Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a standing committee be appointed for indian affairs; that it consist of five: that the election of the members be postponed till to-morrow.

Resolved, That the Congress relying on the integrity and honour of captain A. M'Gee, order that he be permitted to go at large on giving his parole to the committee of West-Augusta, not to engage or be concerned in any measure injurious to these colonies, by stimulating the indian nations to make war against them, or otherwise.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Benjamin Marshall, for tin cartouch boxes, the sum of 465 dollars:

To Ephraim Blaine, Esq. for subsistance, waggonage, and ferriages of the 6th Pennsylvania battalion, the sum of 2736 dollars,

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on general Washington's letter of the 19th, &c.; whereupon,

Resolved, That the papers from fort Pitt be referred to the committee appointed to consider the state of indian affairs in the middle department.

Reſolved, That no traders ought to go into the indian country without licence from the agent in the department: and that care be taken by him to prevent exorbitant prices for goods being exacted from the indians.

Reſolved, That a ton of powder be ſent to Mr G. Morgan, to be diſtributed to ſuch indians as he ſhall be convinced are in our intereſt.

Reſolved, That meaſures be immediately taken to procure goods to ſupply the indians at the treaties ordered to be held with them.

Reſolved, That the councils of Maſſachuſſets Bay and New-Hampſhire, and the governors of Connecticut and Rhode-Iſland, be earneſtly requeſted to take the moſt ſpeedy and effectual meaſures to collect as much hard money in their reſpective colonies as poſſible, and to ſend the ſame as collected to gen. Schuyler, and draw upon the preſident of Congreſs for the amount.

Reſolved, That the further conſideration of the report, and the ſeveral matters to this day referred, be poſtponed till to-morrow, to which time Congreſs adjourned.

TUESDAY, *April* 30, 1776.

Agreeable to order, Congreſs proceeded to the election of a ſtanding committee for indian affairs, when

Mr. Wythe, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Woolcot, Mr. L. Morris, and Mr. Rutledge were elected.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due

To Matthew Swan for carrying two braſs field pieces from Philadelphia to Williamſburg, the ſum of 93.6 dollars, over and beſide the ſum of 80 dollars, paid him by Robert Erwin, and 13.3 dollars, paid by the committee of Williamſburg;

For houſe rent, carriage, and other contingent expences of the fourth Pennſylvania battalion, the ſum of 358.6 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to John Harper, quarter maſter of the ſaid battalion:

For proviſions for captain Roſs's company ſupplied by Charles Jackſon, the ſum of 9.1 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Timothy Matlack.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The committee to whom was referred the memorial from the committee of inſpection and obſervation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, praying the advice of Congreſs, whether they ought to continue the exerciſe of the power of regulating the price of goods in other inſtances than that of green tea, brought in their report, which being taken into conſideration, was agreed to; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ninth article of the aſſociation, which enjoined the inhabitants of the United Colonies to ſell goods and merchandize at the rates they had reſpectively been accuſtomed to do for

for twelve months then laſt paſt, was in its nature a temporary regulation reſpecting the goods then on hand; but as thoſe goods are nearly conſumed, and a farther ſupply muſt be obtained at an extraordinary riſque and expence, and it is reaſonable that adventurers ſhould be encouraged by a proſpect of gain adequate to the danger, which may be incurred in the importation, and a free trade being now opened from the United Colonies to all parts of the world, except the dominions belonging to the king of Great Britain.

Reſolved, That the power of committees of inſpection and obſervation to regulate the prices of goods, in other inſtances than the article of green tea, ought to ceaſe.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on gen. Waſhington's letter of the 24th of March; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the veſſels which were left in the docks and harbour at Boſton, by the enemy, and which different perſons claim as their property, ought to be reſtored to their former owners, being inhabitants of theſe colonies, on their making proof of their title, unleſs the ſaid parties ſo claiming, ſhall have been voluntarily active againſt the rights of the United Colonies, by affording aid and aſſiſtance to the Britiſh fleet and army; and that it be recommended to the government of Maſſachuſetts-Bay to appoint commiſſioners to hear ſuch claims, and determine on the ſufficiency of the proof thereof:

Provided, That any perſon apprehending himſelf or herſelf to be aggrieved by the adjudication of the commiſſioners may appeal from their ſentence to Congreſs, ſuch appeal being demanded and lodged with the ſecretary of Congreſs, within the times limited, and the appellant giving ſecurity, in the manner preſcribed in the caſe of an appeal from the ſentence of a court appointed for hearing maritime cauſes.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of the report be poſtponed.

Reſolved, That an order for 2000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of George Evans who has contracted to ſupply the Delaware battalions with rations, he to be accountable.

The delegates for New-Jerſey having laid before Congreſs a number of bills counterfeited to imitate the continental bills of credit;

Reſolved, That a committee of ſix be appointed to conſider of this matter, and report thereon to Congreſs.

The members choſen, Mr. W. Livingſton, Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Sherman, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Braxton, and Mr. Duane.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Thurſday.

THURSDAY, *May* 2, 1776.

Sundry letters being received were laid before Congreſs and read, viz. One of the 22d of April from the committee of ſe-

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creſy, war, and intelligence of North-Carolina, with a liſt of priſoners ſent to Philadelphia.

One of the 30th of April from general Waſhington, incloſing a memorial from governor Cooke. And

One of the 29th of the ſame month from the committee of ſafety of New-York.

Ordered, That the letter from general Waſhington with the memorial incloſed, be referred to the commitee appointed to take into conſideration the ſtate of the eaſtern colonies.

Reſolved, That a letter be written to general Schuyler, deſiring him, in caſe major Douglaſs declines to take the command of the veſſels on the lakes, to appoint captain Wyncoop to that command, and inform Congreſs thereof by the firſt opportunity.

Reſolved, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of James Meaſe commiſſary, for the uſe of the Pennſylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

A letter of the 1ſt from Henry Fiſher of Lewis-town, directed to the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, was laid before Congreſs and read, whereupon

Reſolved, That the commanding officer of the Delaware battalion, be directed to ſtation thirty-five men with an officer at the falſe cape till farther orders.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſend 200 lb. of powder, and 200 lb. of lead to Lewis-town for the uſe of the companies ſtationed there.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Dr. William Curry for account of medicine and attendance for the fourth Pennſylvania battalion, the ſum of 58.3 dollars.

Ordered, that the ſaid account be paid.

The committee, to whom were referred the papers laid before Congreſs by the delegate from North-Carolina, brought in their report, which was read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the report of the committee on general Waſhington's letter of the 24th of March laſt, and after debate,

Reſolved, That it be recommitted; and as the members of the former committee are abſent, that a new committee be appointed.

The members choſen Mr. Dickinſon, Mr. W. Livingſton, and Mr: W. Rutledge.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to that branch of the council of ſafety of Delaware government reſiding in Kent county to furniſh the commanding officer of the Delaware battalion, with as many of the public arms of that county as may be ſufficient for arming the companies of the ſaid battalion ſtationed at Lewis-town to be uſed by them, till otherwiſe ordered by the ſaid branch of the council of ſafety.

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The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed.
Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *May* 3, 1776.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,
To David Williams for waggon hire the ſum of 112 dollars.
Ordered, That the ſaid account be paid.
Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſend two hundred pounds of Peruvian bark to the commanding officer in Virginia for the uſe of the continental forces in the ſouthern department.
A petition from Peter Simon was preſented to Congreſs and read.
Ordered, That it be referred to a committee of three.
The members choſen Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. J. Adams.
Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſell to Hendrick Vanbrune and Thomas Littel 300 lb. of powder for the uſe of the inhabitants of the townſhip of Shrewſbury to enable them to defend their ſea coaſt.
Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the letter from brigadier lord Stirling dated the 18th of March laſt, which was agreed to, whereupon,
Reſolved, That the appointment of lieutenant-colonel Ogden of the firſt battalion of New-Jerſey was made upon good grounds, the Congreſs having reſerved and frequently exerciſed the right of promoting men of diſtinguiſhed merit:
That the commiſſary Mr. Lowry be directed to ſupply ſuch of the ſoldiers of the ſaid battalion, as deſire it, with uniforms, the coſt to be deducted from their pay:
That as the army is now removed from Cambridge to New-York, the conſideration of raiſing a regiment of artillery for the ſervice in that city, as applied for in the ſaid letter, be poſtponed till further advice may be received from general Waſhington, or the commanding officer there.
A petition from captain Oſwald Eve was preſented to Congreſs and read.
Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of three.
The members choſen Mr. Sherman, Mr. Floyd, and Mr. Sergeant.
Reſolved, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of colonel John Haſlet for the uſe of the Delaware battalion under his command, he to be accountable.
Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſend 300 lb. of powder and a proportionable quantity of lead to Lewis-town, for the uſe of the troops ſtationed there.

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The committee, to whom the report on general Washington's letter of the 24th of March last was recommitted, brought in their report, which was read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *May* 4, 1776.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Dr. David Cowell the sum of 97.4 dollars.

Ordered, That the said account be paid.

A letter of the 3d from colonel Hand of the rifle battalion was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That an order for 4000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of colonel Hand for the use of his battalion, he to be accountable.

That the letter from colonel Hand be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen Mr. Read, Mr. Sergeant, and Mr. Huntington.

The Congress taking into consideration the letter of the 29th of April, from the committee of safety of New-York, thereupon,

Resolved, That a major be appointed for the first New-York battalion in the room of major Benedict, who has resigned:

The ballots being taken and examined,

Barnabas Tuthill, Esq; was elected.

Sundry letters just received were laid before Congress and read, viz. One of the 10th of April from brigadier general Wooster, at Holland-House before Quebec.

One of the 28th of said month from general Schuyler, dated fort George, inclosing the examination of Michael Ryan.

One of the 27th of the same month from governor Trumbull, inclosing a letter from N. Shaw, jun. with a list of the cannon left at New London.

Ordered, That the marine committee lay on the table on Monday next the instructions given by the naval committee to commodore Hopkins upon his leaving this port.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report on general Washington's letter of the 24th of March, whereupon

Resolved, That all the cannon and other stores in Boston, which were originally purchased and provided by and at the expence of the colonies of Massachusetts Bay and New Hampshire be considered as belonging to the colony, that so purchased and provided them; and that all the other cannon left in the colony of Massachusetts Bay by the British forces be presented to the said colony.

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The farther consideration of the report, at the request of a colony was postponed till Monday next.

Congress then took into consideration the report of the committee on general Washington's letter of 4th of April, whereupon

Resolved, That the pay of the officers and soldiers of the militia lately called to Cambridge commence on the day of their march, and cease on that of their return.

Resolved, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *May* 6, 1776.

Advice being received that captain Young, who was fitted out at the expence of the continent by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Alsop, was arrived;

Resolved, That the secret committee be directed to give proper orders for landing, securing and bring to Philadelphia the cargo imported by captain Young.

A memorial of captain Herman Allen was presented to Congress and read,

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee of claims.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report on general Washington's letter of the 24th of March, and thereupon came to the following resolution.:

Whereas general Washington has requested directions concerning the conduct that should be observed towards commissioners, said to be coming from Great Britain to America,

Resolved, That General Washington be informed that Congress suppose, if commissioners are intended to be sent from Great Britain to treat of peace, that the practice usual in such cases will be observed by making previous application for the necessary passports or safe conduct, and on such application being made, Congress will then direct the proper measures for the reception of such commissioners.

The committee appointed to bring in a resolution, whereby persons resident or having property in America, who assist any of the enemies of these United Colonies in the captures of vessels or goods, may be made liable to make good the damage to the sufferers, brought in a report, which was read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

A letter of the 24th of April from general Lee was read.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their consideration the state of the United Colonies, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee had taken into consideration the matter to them referred, and had thereupon come to

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ſundry reſolutions, which he was ordered to report when the houſe ſhould be ready to receive them.

Ordered, That the report be now delivered in.

The report of the committee of the whole being read, was agreed to, as follows:

Reſolved, That ten millions of dollars be raiſed for the purpoſe of carrying on the war for the current year:

That the indian goods ſaid to be at fort Pitt, be purchaſed for the uſe of the United Colonies:

That indian goods to the value of ten thouſand dollars be purchaſed at Montreal, for the uſe of the United Colonies:

That treaties be held with the indians in the different departments, as ſoon as practicable, and that the ſum of ten thouſand dollars be paid out of the treaſury to the commiſſioners of each reſpective department, for preſents to the indians and the expences of ſuch treaties.

Mr. Harriſon farther reported that the committee deſired him to move for leave to ſit again; whereupon,

Reſolved, That Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the ſtate of America.

Reſolved, That a committee of ſeven be appointed to deviſe ways and means for raiſing the ten millions of dollars;

The members choſen, Mr. Duane, Mr. R. Morris, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Sherman, Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Hewes.

Reſolved, That the convention or council of ſafety of Virginia be impowered to appoint ſurgeons to the battalions raiſed in the ſaid colony for the ſervice of the continent.

Reſolved, That John Taylor be appointed judge advocate to the continental troops in the colony of Virginia.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *May* 7. 1776.

Sundry letters being received, were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

One of the 5th of April from general Waſhington.

One of the 14th from John G. Frazer, incloſing a liſt of the veſſels, cannon, and ordinance-ſtores left by the enemy at Boſton.

One from ſundry priſoners at Hartford, in Connecticut, dated 21ſt March.

One from L. F. of St. Euſtatia, dated 5th of April.

Reſolved, That the ſaid letters be referred to a committee of three;

The members choſen, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Braxton, and Mr. Duane.

A petition from John Bayard, P. Moore, and John Patton, was preſented to Congreſs and read; Whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſell to the petitioners

petitioners six hundred lb. of powder for the use of the privateers they are fitting out.

Resolved, That one hundred dollars be paid by the treasurers to M. Giason, a Canadian prisoner, upon his giving a bill upon his friend at Montreal for the like sum, payable on demand.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the papers laid before Congress by the delegates of North-Carolina: Whereupon,

Resolved, That another battalion raised in North-Carolina, in addition to the five battalions already ordered for the defence of that colony, be taken into the pay and service of the United Colonies:

That a deputy quarter master general be appointed for the southern department, to be employed in North-Carolina:

That the secret committee be directed to procure and forward twelve field-pieces for the use of the troops in North-Carolina:

That the secret committee be directed to forward three tons of gun-powder for the defence of the said colony:

That the committee on qualifications be directed to purchase and forward to North-Carolina, a chest of medicines and instruments, equal in value to one of those furnished for the Pennsylvania battalions, for each of the six battalions raised in the colony of North-Carolina.

Congress proceeded to the election of a deputy quarter master general for the southern department, and the ballots being taken,

Nicholas Long, Esq; was elected.

Resolved, That Nicholas Long, Esq; have the rank of a colonel in the continental army.

The convention of North-Carolina having recommended sundry gentlemen for field officers of the six battalions raised in that colony, Congress proceeded to a choice, and the following gentlemen were elected:

Francis Nash, Esq; colonel,
Thomas Clarke, Esq; lieutenant colonel, } of the 1st battalion.
William Davis, Esq; major,

Alexander Martin, Esq; colonel,
John Patton, Esq; lieutenant colonel } of the 2d battalion.
John White, Esq; major

Jethro Sumner, Esq; colonel
William Alston, Esq; lieutenant colonel } of the 3d battalion.
Samuel Lockart, Esq; major

Thomas Polk, Esq; colonel
James Thackston, Esq; lieutenant colonel } of the 4th battalion.
William Davidson, Esq; major

Edward Bancombe, Esq; colonel
Henry Irwin, Esq; lieutenant colonel } of the 5th battalion.
Levi Dawson, Esq; major

Alexander Lillington, Esq; colonel
William Taylor, Esq; lieutenant colonel } of the 6th battalion.
Gideon Lamb, Esq; major

Ordered, That the letter received yesterday from general Lee, be referred to the committee, to whom were referred the letters received this morning.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to purchase stockings for the troops in Canada, be directed to apply to the general assemblies of Massachusetts Bay and Connecticut, and request them to assist in procuring the said stockings.

Congress took into consideration the memorial from the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, whereupon

Resolved, That twenty of the heaviest cannon taken by commodore Hopkins at New Providence, and brought from thence to New London, and since carried to Newport, be brought to the city of Philadelphia, and delivered to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania for the defence and protection of the said city, to remain there during the pleasure of Congress.

William Peachy, Esq; colonel of the fifth Virginia battalion having resigned, Congress proceeded to elect a gentleman to supply his place; and the ballots being taken,

Charles Scott, Esq; was elected: and

Alexander Spotswood was elected lieutenant colonel of the second battalion in the room of colonel Scott.

Resolved, That such of the iron cannon, as were brought from Ticonderoga to Boston, and have not been removed by general Washington, be lent for the defence of the town and harbour of Boston, to remain there during the pleasure of Congress.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed,

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *May* 8, 1776.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To William Brady for thirty days waggonage in conveying captain Stevensons baggage from Virginia to Roxbury, the sum of 60 dollars; and that the same ought to be paid to Daniel M'Pherson:

To James M'Donnel for waggonage in conveying baggage belonging to captain Talbot's company of the sixth Pennsylvania battalion to New-York, the sum of 117.9 dollars:

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

A letter of the 5th from general Washington, one of the 4th from William Palfrey pay master general, and one of the 2d from captain Delaplace, a prisoner, were laid before Congress and read.

Ordered, That they be referred to a committee of five.

The members chosen Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Rodney, Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Whipple.

A petition

A petition from captain Gideon Warren, and a letter from Joſeph Woodward, chairman of the committee of New Hampſhire grants, were preſented to Congreſs and read.

Ordered, That they be referred to a committee of five, who are directed to hear the perſons mentioned in the ſaid letter, and report thereon to Congreſs:

The members choſen Mr. Rodney, Mr. Harriſon, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Alexander.

The inſtructions given by the naval committee to commodore Hopkins being laid before Congreſs and read;

Ordered, That they be referred to a committee of ſeven, and that it be an inſtruction to the ſaid committee to inquire how far commodore Hopkins has complied with the ſaid inſtructions, and if upon inquiry they ſhall find that he has departed therefrom, to examine into the occaſion thereof; alſo to inquire into the ſituation of the governor and lieutenant governor of Providence and the other officer brought from thence, and report what in their opinion is proper to be done with them:

That the ſaid committee have power to ſend for witneſſes and papers:

The members choſen Mr. Harriſon, Mr. J. Adams, Mr M'Kean, Mr. Duane, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. W. Livingſton.

Information being given to Congreſs that Kirkland a priſoner has broken goal and made his eſcape:

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to deviſe ways and means to have him retaken:

The members choſen Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Gerry.

Reſolved, That whenever it ſhall appear to this Congreſs that any officer or officers bearing continental commiſſions ſhall have departed from orders, an enquiry ſhall be made.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſell to Aaron Biddle and John Helm, 75 lb of powder for the uſe of the inhabitants of Upper Pennſneck in New-Jerſey.

Agreeable to the order of the day Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the ſtate of the colonies; and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee have had under conſideration the matter to them referred, but not having come to any reſolutions thereon, deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the ſtate of theſe colonies.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY

THURSDAY, *May* 9, 1776.

A letter from Ab. Livingſton, offering to reſign the contract made with the convention of New-York, for ſupplying the troops in that colony with proviſions; alſo a letter of the 8th from colonel James Eaſton were laid before Congreſs and read:

Ordered, That they be referred to a committee of three:

The members choſen Mr. M'Kean, Mr. S. Adams, and Mr. Wythe.

Application being made for a ſafe conduct for Mrs. Bellew, wife of captain Bellew of the Liverpool, to paſs through the country to her relations in Marblehead;

Ordered, That it be referred for conſideration to Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. R. Morris.

The committee of claims report that there is due,

To William Bedford, for cartouch ſtraps, the ſum of 193.3 dollars:

To colonel Joſ. Reed, for camp equipage &c. procured for general Waſhington, the ſum of 434.2 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The ſaid committee having reported on the petition and accounts of captain Herman Allen, which were referred to them;

Reſolved, That the ſaid petition and accounts be referred to the committee on the treaſury.

The committee on priſoners to whom the letter from Henry Beaumont of the 26th regiment of the king of Great Britain was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration, whereupon

Reſolved, That the ſaid Henry Beaumont be permitted to reſide with his wife and family at Elizabeth-town, in the colony of New-Jerſey, he giving to the committee of inſpection and obſervation of the ſaid burrough his parole in the form preſcribed by Congreſs.

The committee appointed to deviſe ways and means for raiſing ten millions of dollars for the ſervice of the current year, brought in their report, which was read and conſidered, whereupon

Reſolved, That five millions of dollars be emitted in bills of credit in part of the ten millions voted for the ſervice of the current year:

That the thirteen United Colonies be pledged for the redemption of the ſaid five millions of dollars, at ſuch periods and in ſuch manner and proportions as Congreſs ſhall hereafter direct and appoint.

Reſolved, That it be referred to the ſuperintendants of the treaſury, to conſider of and report a plan for carrying into effect the before mentioned reſolution, for emitting five millions of dollars in bills of credit towards the ſervice of the current year.

The committee having informed Congreſs that they have not had time to compleat their report:

Reſolved, That they have leave to ſit again.

Captain

Captain Budden having been taken by the Liverpool man of war and permitted on his parole to come to Philadelphia, in order to procure a priſoner to be given in exchange for him;

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to conſider the propriety of exchanging ſeamen:

The members choſen Mr. R. Morris, Mr. Hewes, and Mr. Huntingdon.

Agreeable to the order of the day, Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the ſtate of the United Colonies; and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee have had under conſideration the matter referred to them, and have come to a reſolution thereon, which he read and delivered in.

The reſolution of the committee of the whole was again read, and the determination thereof, at the requeſt of a colony, was poſtponed till to-morrow.

The committee, to whom the application in favour of Mrs. Bellew was referred, brought in a report which was taken into conſideration, whereupon

Reſolved, That a paſſport be granted to Mrs. Bellew to come to the city of Philadelphia, under eſcort of a continental officer, and that ſhe may reſide ſafely and unmoleſted in the ſaid city, until her friends in New-England come to eſcort her to Marblehead, when a ſafe conduct ſhall alſo be granted to her for that journey, and for her reſidence there during her pleaſure.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *May* 10, 1776.

A letter of the 7th from general Waſhington, and one of the 3d from Thomas Cuſhing, were laid before Congreſs and read:

Ordered, That they be referred to the committee on the ſtate of the eaſtern colonies.

A letter from Monſ. Docaiſor was read:

Ordered, That it be referred to the ſecret committee.

The committee to whom was referred the conſideration of general Waſhington's letter of the 5th and the papers incloſed, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration, whereupon

Reſolved, That a copy of the reſolutions paſſed the firſt day of April laſt, eſtabliſhing the mode of ſettling the public accounts be tranſmitted to the general:

That the reſolution of Congreſs paſſed the 17th of January laſt, allowing one dollar and one third of a dollar to the officers, in lieu of expences for inliſting each ſoldier, being a general regulation, extends to the troops raiſed in the eaſtern department; and that the general be directed to make that allowance for all the troops inliſted ſince the time of paſſing the ſaid reſolution:

That,

That, as the road recommended by general Washington to be opened between the town of Newbury on Connecticut river and the province of Canada, will facilitate the march and return of the troops employed in that quarter, and promote the public service, the general be directed to prosecute the plan he has formed, respecting the said road:

That ten tons of gun powder be sent to New-York:

That 400,000 dollars be sent to the paymaster general for the use of the army in New-York and the Massachusetts Bay:

That the commanding officers in the different departments and posts, shall make monthly returns to the commander in chief of the continental army, of the number and state of the troops, and the military stores in their respective departments:

That this Congress has hitherto exercised, and ought to retain the power of promoting the officers in the continental service according to their merit; and that no promotion or succession shall take place upon any vacancy, without the authority of a continental commission.

Congress resumed the consideration of the resolution reported from the committee of the whole, and the same was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That it be recommended to the respective assemblies and conventions of the United Colonies, where no government sufficient to the exigencies of their affairs hath been hitherto established, to adopt such government as shall in the opinion of the representatives of the people best conduce to the happiness and safety of their constituents in particular, and America in general.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a preamble to the foregoing resolution.

The members chosen Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. R. H. Lee.

Resolved, That the secret committee be directed to sell to colonel David Potter, and captain Daniel Maskell, 200 lb. of powder, and 1000 lb. of lead, for the use of the inhabitants of Bridgetown, Cumberland county in New-Jersey.

The committee to whom were referred the letter from general Washington of the 25th and 26th of April, the case of Alexander Ross, and the letter from general Lee, brought in a report which was read.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the state of the eastern colonies, brought in a report which was read.

Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the United Colonies; and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported that the committee have had under consideration the matter referred to them, but not having had time to finish their inquiries, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

Resolved,

Resolved, That Congress will on Monday next resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the United Colonies.

Resolved, That the committee of secret correspondence be directed to lay their proceedings before Congress on Monday next, withholding the names of the persons they have employed, or with whom they have corresponded.

The committee appointed to consider the propriety of exchanging seamen, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration, whereupon

Resolved, That lieutenant Ball of the Roebuck, and the three seamen that were taken with him, and are now prisoners in the lower counties on Delaware, be exchanged for captain Budden and his son, Seth Davis, and Samuel Conyers:

That six of the seamen now prisoners in Philadelphia to be named by the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, may be given in exchange for the following persons, viz. Mr. Lightbody, James Hage, ——— Fortescue, a pilot boy; William Martin, Jacob Wilson, and John Durry:

That the said exchange of prisoners be conducted by such proper persons as the committee of safety of Pennsylvania may appoint for that purpose.

The committee to whom was referred the letter from Ab. Livingston, offering to cancel the contract he had made with a committee of the convention of New-York, for supplying the forces in that colony with provisions, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

Resolved, That Mr. Ab. Livingston in voluntarily resigning a contract which might have been so profitable to him, has exhibited an example of public spirit, and Congress accept the resignation of his contract.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to devise ways and means for retaking Moses Kirkland, be impowered to send an express to the southward, and desire the committees or councils of safety of the southern colonies, to use their utmost endeavours to have him apprehended, and that they offer a reward of one hundred dollars in addition to the hundred already offered for apprehending and securing the said Moses Kirkland.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, to examine into the conduct of the goaler, who had the charge and custody of Moses Kirkland, and if they find him culpable, that they have him removed.

Resolved, That George Morgan, Esq; agent under the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department, be directed to purchase the indian goods said to be at Pittsburg for the use of the United Colonies.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the case of Alexander Ross, whereupon *Resolved*,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Alexander Roſs be diſcharged from confinement.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *May* 11, 1776.

A petition from John Jacobs in behalf of himſelf and others, was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Ordered, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members choſen Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Rutledge.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the ſtate of the eaſtern colonies, whereupon

Reſolved, That the two battalions, directed by the aſſembly of Rhode Iſland to be raiſed, be taken into continental pay; the battalion ordered to be raiſed in November laſt, from the time they were armed, cloathed and fit for duty, and the one ſince ordered to be raiſed from the preſent time, provided they be armed, cloathed and fit for ſervice, and that if they be not ſo armed and appointed, they be taken into continental pay as ſoon as they ſhall be armed and muſtered:

Reſolved, That the remainder of the report be referred to a committee of the whole Congreſs.

Reſolved, That the ſtanding committee for indian affairs be directed to take meaſures for carrying into execution the reſolution of the 6th, for holding a treaty with the Indians in the different departments as ſoon as practicable.

That the 20th of July be fixed on for holding a treaty at Pittſburg with the indians in the middle department; and that the ſtanding committee be directed to inform the agent, and deſire him to notify the indians, and invite them to attend at the time and place mentioned; and alſo that the ſaid committee inform the commiſſioners and deſire them to attend.

Reſolved, That John Harvey be appointed a commiſſioner for indian affairs in the middle department.

Certain reſolutions of the board of officers in Philadelphia, and a petition from the committee of privates of the military aſſociation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, were preſented to Congreſs and read.

Ordered, That they be referred to a committee of the whole Congreſs.

A memorial from Caunier de la Berthaudure was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Reſolved, That two ſetts of trepanning inſtruments be ſent to Virginia for the uſe of the ſurgeons of the continental troops there; and that two ſetts of trepanning inſtruments, and 100 lb. of Peruvian bark be ſent to North-Carolina, for the uſe of the continental troops in that colony.

Congreſs

Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the report of the committee on the ſtate of the colonies in the eaſtern department, and the reſolves of the officers, and petition of the committee of privates of the military aſſociation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee had taken into conſideration the matters to them referred, and had come to a reſolution thereupon, but not having time to finiſh, deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

The reſolution reported from the committee of the whole Congreſs being read:

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration thereof be poſtponed to Monday next.

Reſolved, That Congreſs will on Monday next reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the report of the committee on the ſtate of the colonies in the eaſtern department, and the reſolves of the officers, and petition of the privates of the military aſſociation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſend 500 lb. of powder to the committee of ſafety of Delaware government, for the uſe of their militia.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

On account rendered by the committee for the upper diſtrict of Frederick county in Virginia, of the expences incurred by captain John Nelſon's company of riffle men, the ſum of 1415.4 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Michael Fackler, and that the ſaid company ought to be charged with the ſum of 1016 dollars, the amount of rifles and goods, &c. furniſhed for their uſe, the remainder being for proviſions and waggonage to be charged to the continent:

To Andrew M'Nair for attendance and for candles, &c. the ſum of 181.9 dollars in full of his account to the 30th of April laſt:

To Robert Erwin, waggon maſter for five teams that went to Canada, a ballance of 699.6 dollars:

To Walter Drummond, for nurſing ſeveral perſons belonging to captain Benezets company, the ſum of 27 dollars:

To George London, for 34 days waggonage for the 6th battalion, the ſum of 117.5 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *May* 13, 1776.

A letter of the 9th from general Waſhington was laid before Congreſs and read:

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee on qualifications.

Sundry petitions were preſented to Congreſs and read, viz. One from Dr. Benjamin Church, and one from Benjamin, Samuel, and

Edward Church, with a certificate from three phyſicians reſpecting the health of Dr. B. Church; alſo one from John Connolly and John Smith, accompanied with a letter from Dr. Cadwallader:

Ordered, That they be referred to the committee on priſoners.

A letter of the 3d from George Morgan at Pittſburg was read:

Ordered, That it be referred to the ſtanding committee on indian affairs.

Reſolved, That Mrs. Connolly have leave to viſit her huſband in goal.

Agreeable to order, the committee of ſecret correſpondence laid before Congreſs a copy of their proceedings.

The committee appointed to prepare a preamble to the reſolution of Congreſs paſſed the 10th, brought in a draught which was read:

Ordered, That the conſideration thereof be poſtponed till to-morrow.

A letter of the 4th from Edmund Pendleton, preſident of the committee of ſafety of Virginia, was laid before Congreſs and read.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To A. C. Hanſon, for the expences of two gentlemen, a private ſoldier, and a ſervant, on an expedition to New York, the ſum of 76.4 dollars:

To Rachel Stille, for boarding priſoners now in Trenton, and including captain Chaſe's bill of 8.5 dollars, and a bill of waggonage, the ſum of 290.9 dollars:

To Robert Erwin, waggon maſter, for waggonage of powder from Egg harbour to Philadelphia, the ſum of 247 dollars:

To Frederick Bicking, for paper for the continental bills of credit, the ſum of 1109.3 dollars:

To Gunning Bedford, deputy muſter maſter general, for his pay and expences to the 17th April laſt, the ſum of 455.6 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the reſolution reported from the committee of the whole, and after debate, the determination thereof, at the requeſt of a colony, was poſtponed till to-morrow.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *May* 14, 1776.

A letter of the 11th from general Waſhington incloſing ſundry papers; a letter of the 3d from general Schuyler; and a letter of the 9th from Daniel Robertſon, were laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That they be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen Mr. W. Livingſton, Mr. Jefferſon, and Mr. J. Adams.

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The committee to whom the petition of Dr. Benjamin Church, now confined in goal in Norwich, in the colony of Connecticut, and a petition from Benjamin, Samuel, and Edward Church, together with a certificate from phyſicians reſpecting the dangerous ſtate of the aforeſaid Dr. Church, were referred, brought in their report which was read and agreed to: whereupon,

Reſolved, That Dr. Benjamin Church be ſent to the colony of Maſſachuſetts Bay, and that the council of the ſaid colony be requeſted to take a recogniſance from him with two good ſureties in ſuch penalty as they ſhall think ſufficient, not being leſs than one thouſand pounds lawful money, for his appearance before ſuch court as ſhall be erected for his trial, and at ſuch time and place as ſuch court ſhall direct, and to abide the judgment of the ſame; and that they be farther requeſted to take his parole not to hold any correſpondence with the enemies of the United Colonies, or at any time to depart out of the ſaid colony without their licenſe; and that upon the performance thereof, the ſaid Dr. Benjamin Church be ſet at liberty.

The aſſembly of Rhode Iſland having appointed two delegates to repreſent that colony in Congreſs, the credentials of their appointment were laid before Congreſs and read, as follows:

(Seal) "The governor and company of the Engliſh colony of Rhode Iſland and Providence plantations in general aſſembly convened, To Stephen Hopkins and William Ellery, Eſqrs; greeting: Whereas this aſſembly repoſing ſpecial truſt and confidence in your abilities and integrity, have appointed you the ſaid Stephen Hopkins and William Ellery, delegates; to repreſent this colony in General Congreſs, you are therefore hereby impowered to join with the delegates of the other United Colonies in Congreſs at Philadelphia, as ſoon as conveniently may be, or at ſuch time and place as ſhall be agreed upon by the major part of the delegates from the ſaid colonies. You are alſo authoriſed and impowered to conſult and adviſe with the delegates of the ſaid colonies in Congreſs, upon the moſt proper meaſures for promoting and confirming the ſtricteſt union and confederation between the ſaid United Colonies, for exerting their whole ſtrength and force to annoy the common enemy, and to ſecure the ſaid colonies, their rights and liberties both civil and religious, whether by entering into treaties with any prince, ſtate, or potentate, or by ſuch other prudent and effectual ways and means as ſhall be deviſed and agreed on; and in conjunction with the delegates from the ſaid United Colonies, or the major part of them, to enter into and adopt all ſuch meaſures, taking the greateſt care to ſecure to this colony in the ſtrongeſt and moſt perfect manner its preſent eſtabliſhed form, and all the powers of government ſo far as relates to its internal police and conduct of our own affairs civil and religious. You are alſo inſtructed

ſtructed and directed to exert your utmoſt abilities in carrying on this juſt and neceſſary war, in which we are engaged againſt cruel and unnatural enemies, in the moſt vigorous manner, until peace ſhall be reſtored to the ſaid colonies, and their rights and liberties ſecured upon a ſolid and permanent baſis. You are alſo impowered to join with the major part of the delegates of the ſaid United Colonies, in adjourning from time to time, and to ſuch place or places as ſhall be thought proper for and during one year. And as it may happen that from ſickneſs or other neceſſary cauſes one of you may be abſent from Congreſs, in all ſuch caſes, the other is hereby as fully impowered to repreſent the colony, as though both were preſent and agreed in ſentiment. May 4, 1776.

In behalf of the general aſſembly I have hereunto ſet my hand, and cauſed the ſeal of the colony to be affixed, the ſixth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thouſand ſeven hundred and ſeventy-ſix. NICHOLAS COOKE, GOVERNOR."

By his honours command,

HENRY WARD, Secretary.

The committee to whom the letter from general Waſhington of the 5th, and the letter from captain Delaplace of the 2d, &c. were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration: whereupon,

Reſolved, That as a number of arms fit for uſe may be bought of the owners, who may incline to ſell them, general Waſhington be deſired to employ ſuch an agent as he hath propoſed to go into any of the colonies for that purpoſe:

That a copy of the letter from captain Delaplace be ſent to major general Schuyler, and that he be deſired to inquire how the things, therein mentioned to have been left by captain Delaplace, were diſpoſed of, and what was the value thereof, and report the matter as it ſhall appear to him, to Congreſs:

That the caſe of captain Delaplace is not diſtinguiſhable from that of other priſoners of war, who are obliged to refund the expences of their maintenance.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to colonel Jacob Ford, jun. three tons of ſalt-petre, to be by him manufactured into gunpowder for the uſe of the United Colonies, on the ſame terms as others have agreed to manufacture it:

That the ſaid committee be directed to ſell to Joſeph Ellis, 400 lb. of powder, and a quantity of iron ball, ſufficient for 900 lb. of powder, for the defence of the colony of New-Jerſey:

That the ſaid committee be directed to deliver to colonel Bird, 200 lb. of powder, to prove the cannon he is making for the United Colonies.

Reſolved, That the committee appointed to contract for the making of cannon, be directed to employ proper perſons to attend and ſee the cannon proved:

That

That an order for 2000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of the cannon committee; they to be accountable.

Congreſs then reſumed the conſideration of the report from the committee of the whole: whereupon,

Reſolved, That the five battalions now in Maſſachuſetts Bay be recruited to their full compliments, and that three additional battalions be raiſed in the eaſtern department for the ſervice of the continent, the recruits to be taken into continental pay, ſo ſoon as they ſhall be armed and muſtered.

A letter of the 7th from general Lee, with ſundry papers incloſed, was laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee appointed to take into conſideration a former letter of general Lee.

Martin Strobach, lieutenant of marines, on board the Hornet, ſloop, finding the ſervice by ſea to diſagree with him, and apprehending he can be of more uſe in the land ſervice, begs permiſſion to be diſcharged from the preſent ſervice he is engaged in, that he may apply for a lieutenancy in the Pennſylvania artillery company, where there is a vacancy, which he is encouraged to make application for:

Reſolved, That leave be granted to diſcharge him.

Agreeable to order, Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the report of the committee on the eaſtern department, &c. and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee have had under their farther conſideration the matters referred to them, and have come to ſundry reſolutions, but that not having yet finiſhed, they deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

The reſolutions reported from the committee of the whole Congreſs being read, were agreed to as follows:

Reſolved, That an additional major general and brigadier general be appointed in the continental army:

That general Waſhington be directed to order a major general forthwith to take the command in the eaſtern department, and alſo that he order a brigadier general on that ſervice.

Reſolved, That the election of the major general and brigadier general be poſtponed till to-morrow.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow again reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the reſolves of the officers, and petition of the committee of privates of the military aſſociation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee to whom the letter from the committee of ſafety of New Hampſhire and other papers from that colony were referred: and thereupon,

Reſolved, That one battalion be raiſed in New Hampſhire for the ſervice of the United Colonies, and paid and ſubſiſted on the ſame terms

terms as the continental troops in the eaſtern department, the ſaid battalion to be taken into continental pay, ſo ſoon as they ſhall be armed and muſtered.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſend to general Waſhington the muſkets that are at Newport.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *May* 15, 1776.

Reſolved, That the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania be deſired to write to the committee of ſafety of Delaware government to ſuſpend the execution of the reſolve of Congreſs, for exchanging lieutenant Ball for captain Budden, till farther orders.

Congreſs took into conſideration the draught of the preamble brought in by the committee, which was agreed to as follows:

Whereas his Britannic majeſty in conjunction with the lords and commons of Great Britain has, by a late act of parliament, excluded the inhabitants of theſe United Colonies from the protection of his crown; and whereas no anſwer whatever to the humble petitions of the colonies for redreſs of grievances and reconciliation with Great Britain has been or is likely to be given, but the whole force of that kingdom aided by foreign mercenaries is to be exerted for the deſtruction of the good people of theſe colonies; and whereas it appears abſolutely irreconcileable to reaſon and good conſcience for the people of theſe colonies now to take the oaths and affirmations neceſſary for the ſupport of any government under the crown of Great Britain, and it is neceſſary that the exerciſe of every kind of authority under the ſaid crown ſhould be totally ſuppreſſed, and all the powers of government exerted under the authority of the people of the colonies, for the preſervation of internal peace virtue and good order, as well as for the defence of their lives, liberties and properties againſt the hoſtile invaſions and cruel depredations of their enemies, therefore reſolved &c.

Ordered, That the ſaid preamble with the reſolution paſſed the 10th inſtant be publiſhed.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſell to Edward Keaſby, 100 lb. of powder, for the uſe of the inhabitants of Salem county in New-Jerſey.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *May* 16, 1776.

The following letters were laid before Congreſs and read:

One of the 1ſt from the commiſſioners of Congreſs in Canada:

One of the 10th from major general Schuyler, and one without date from general Waſhington, incloſing a letter to him from Dr. Stringer.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the letter from Dr. Stringer to general Waſhington, be referred to the committee appointed to prepare medicine cheſts:

That the other letters be referred to Mr. W. Livingſton, Mr. Jefferſon, and Mr. J. Adams.

Reſolved, That the preſident write to general Waſhington, requeſting him to repair to Philadelphia as ſoon as he can conveniently, in order to conſult with Congreſs upon ſuch meaſures as may be neceſſary for the carrying on the enſuing campaign.

Reſolved, That George Morgan, Eſq; be impowered to draw for a ſum not exceeding ſix thouſand dollars to pay for the goods he is ordered to purchaſe, and for defraying incidental charges, the ſame to be paid out of the ten thouſand dollars voted for the commiſſioners of Indian affairs in the middle department.

Whereas captain Richard Butler, by accepting the office of agent in the middle deparment of indians, has loſt the opportunity of being appointed a captain in the continental ſervice;

Reſolved, That Congreſs will as ſoon as poſſible compenſate for that diſappointment to him, by ſome promotion in their ſervice.

Congreſs then proceeded to the election of a major general and brigadier general in the continental army, and the ballots being taken and examined;

Horatio Gates, Eſq; was elected major general, and

Thomas Mifflin, Eſq; brigadier general.

Reſolved, That Mr. Duane be added to the ſtanding committee for indian affairs.

A petition from Joſeph Carſon and Joſeph Donaldſon was preſented to Congreſs and read: Whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſell to the petitioners 50 lb. of powder.

Reſolved, That two of the additional battalions ordered on the 14th to be raiſed in the eaſtern department, be raiſed one in Maſſachuſetts Bay, and the other in Connecticut:

That it be recommended to the general aſſemblies of Maſſachuſetts Bay and Connecticut, to endeavour to have the battalions inliſted for two years, unleſs ſooner diſcharged by Congreſs; in which caſe the men to be allowed one months pay on their diſcharge; but if the men cannot be prevailed on to inliſt for two years, that they be inliſted for one; and that they be ordered, as ſoon as raiſed and armed, to march immediately to Boſton.

The committee to whom the letters from general Waſhington of the 25th and 26th of April, and the caſe of Alexander Roſs, and the letter from general Lee were referred, brought in their report, which was read.

The committee to whom the letter from general Waſhington of the 11th, and the letter from general Schuyler of the 3d, and that from captain Robertſon of the 9th, with other papers were referred, brought in their report, which was read. The

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Saturday.

SATURDAY, *May* 18, 1776.

A letter of the 17th from general Waſhington, and three from the commiſſioners in Canada of the 6th, 8th and 10th, were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the committee to whom the former letter from the commiſſioners was referred be augmented to the number of eight, and that theſe letters be referred to them :

The additional members choſen, Mr. R. Morris, Mr. Duane Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. R. R. Livingſton.

The committee to whom was referred the conſideration of general Lee's letters of the 19th April and 7th of May, brought in their report, which was agreed to : whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Lee's ſcheme of ſending through the colony of Virginia to purchaſe riffles, be and is approved :

That, as the colony of Virginia is interſected with many navigable rivers, ſix gallies be built for the protection of the troops in their tranſportation acroſs the ſaid rivers, at the continental expence, on as cheap terms as the buſineſs for which they are intended will admit of; that ſuch other defence of the rivers and bays, as ſhall be requiſite for the colony be at the particular charge of the inhabitants thereof: And that general Lee or the commanding officer in Virginia tranſmit to Congreſs as early as poſſible an account of the expence which ſhall be incurred in conſequence of this reſolution :

That general Lee or the commanding officer in Virginia be directed to ſet on foot the raiſing of two companies of carpenters to conſiſt of houſe and ſhip builders :

That general Lee be permitted to order rations and forrage for ſuch volunteers of horſe not exceeding 500 as ſhall think proper to attend the ſervice of their country in the continental army, agreeable to general Lee's requeſt and propoſal:

That captain Dohicky Arundel's journey to Virginia be at his own, not continental expence:

That the pay of the deputy engineers be raiſed to 30 dollars a month, and that they be allowed rations for themſelves and forrage for their horſes, when in camp, or neceſſarily abſent on continental duty :

That a continental hoſpital be eſtabliſhed in Virginia, and a director to the ſame immediately appointed by Congreſs :

That the ſcheme of adding two ſubalterns and forty privates to the company of artillery be adopted:

That the circumſtances of affairs in the middle and eaſtern department will not admit of Mr. Smith being ſent to general Lee :

That Thomas Bullet, Eſq; the deputy adjutant general in Virginia be advanced to the rank of colonel :

That

That from the uncertainty of the enemy's design and the number of regiments already sent into Canada, it will be inexpedient, at present, to order any of the troops raised in Pennsylvania or the colonies eastward thereof to the southern department, nor can Congress at present supply such troops as are raised in Virginia with fire arms; but that general Lee's application on this subject be attended to so soon as an importation sufficiently considerable will admit of his being supplyed; and that he be assured Congress will co-operate and aid him with their power to render effectual his laudable endeavours to establish the rights and liberties of the good people of this continent.

The Congress then proceeded to the election of a director of the hospital in Virginia, and the ballots being taken,

William Rickman was elected.

Resolved, That the hospital in Virginia be on the same establishment, and the pay of the officers thereof the same, as the hospital established in the eastern department:

That two surgeons, one apothecary, six mates, one clerk, one storekeeper, and a nurse to every ten sick, with labourers occasionally when necessary be allowed to the hospital in Virginia:

That the director be impowered to nominate the surgeons and apothecary:

That the mates be appointed by the surgeons, and that the number of the mates be diminished as circumstances will admit, for which reason the pay is fixed by the day, that they may only receive pay for actual service.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the convention of Virginia to raise a battalion of rifle men, on the same terms as the other battalions raised in that colony, to be taken into the pay of the continent, when armed and mustered.

Resolved, That general Washington be directed, if the service will permit, to station a battalion at Amboy.

A petition from Jos. Trumbull, commissary general, was presented to Congress and read:

Resolved, That it be referred to the committee for superintending the treasury.

The secret committee having informed Congress of the arrival of one of the vessels fitted out at the expence of the continent, and that she has brought her returns in cash:

Resolved, That the secret committee be directed to give orders for sending the said cash with all convenient dispatch to the commissioners in Canada:

That the hard money in the treasury be immediately forwarded to general Schuyler.

The secret committee laid before Congress a letter from Mr. Langdon, and the same being read:

Resolved, That it be referred to the committee of secret correspondence,

ſpondence, and that the ſaid committee be directed to apply to the marine committee for the uſe of one or more of the continental fleet; and that they ſend the ſame to the French Weſt India iſlands, in order to procure, if poſſible, a number of muſkets not exceeding 10,000.

A petition from Ignace Labal was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department, who are directed to examine his claim and pay him, out of the money put into their hands, what they ſhall judge juſtly due to him.

Reſolved, That Mrs. Connolly be directed not to leave Philadelphia till farther orders of Congreſs.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *May* 20, 1776.

Lyman Hall and Button Gwinnet, Eſqrs; two of the delegates from Georgia attended and produced their credentials, which were read as follows:

"In Congreſs, Savannah, February 2, 1776, Reſolved, That five perſons be elected to repreſent this province in the Continental Congreſs, for the term of nine months. Reſolved, That it be recommended, that three of the delegates do proceed with all poſſible diſpatch to Philadelphia, and that they be a *quorum*; provided nevertheleſs, that in caſe three ſhall not attend by ſickneſs or otherwiſe, one or more of the delegates being preſent, ſhall be competent to repreſent this province, notwithſtanding. The Congreſs proceeded to ballot for the election of delegates, when, on cloſing the poll, it appeared that Archibald Bullock, John Houſtoun, Lyman Hall, Button Gwinnet, and George Walton, Eſqrs; were duly elected, and were accordingly declared as fit perſons to repreſent this province in the Grand Continental Congreſs.

A true Copy. EDWARD LANGWORTHY, Secretary."

A letter of the 10th from major general Lee at Williamſburg, with three papers incloſed, was laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to a committee of five:

The members choſen Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Middleton, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Woolcot.

Certain reſolutions of the convention of South-Carolina, reſpecting the battalions raiſed in that colony; alſo certain reſolutions paſſed by the general aſſembly of the ſaid colony, reſpecting the manner in which commiſſioners coming from England are to be received and treated in that colony, were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the reſolutions reſpecting the battalions, be referred to a committee of five:

The

The members chosen Mr. John Adams, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Floyd, Mr. W. Livingston, and Mr. Morton.

The proceedings of the committee of secret correspondence were read.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the state of the United Colonies, and, after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee had taken into their farther consideration the matter referred to them, but, not having come to a conclusion, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the state of the United Colonies.

Resolved, That Mr. Rutledge, at his request, be discharged from serving on the marine committee, and that Mr. Middleton be a member of the said committee in his stead.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *May* 21, 1776.

Sundry letters and papers were laid before Congress and read, viz.

Three letters from general Washington of the 18th, 19th, and 20th, inclosing sundry letters and papers of intelligence from England, and a copy of the treaties made by his Britannic majesty with the duke of Brunswick for 4084 of his troops; with the landgrave of Hesse Cassel for 12000 of his troops; and with the count of Hanau for 668 of his troops:

A letter from William Palfrey, with a copy of his weekly account:

A letter from John Langdon to general Washington:

A petition from Samuel Austin, John Rowe, S. Pattridge, Samuel Dashwood, and John Scolly of Boston:

Resolved, That the said letters and papers and petition be referred to a committee of five; that the said committee be directed to extract and publish the treaties and such parts of the intelligences as they think proper; also to consider of an adequate reward for the person who brought the intelligence; and that they prepare an address to the foreign mercinaries who are coming to invade America:

The members chosen Mr. J. Adams, Mr. W. Livingston, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Sherman.

Congress took into consideration the report respecting prisoners, which was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That all prisoners taken in arms on board any prize, be deemed prisoners, to be taken care of by the supreme executive power in each colony to which they are brought, whether the prize be taken by vessels fitted out by the continent, or by others:

That such as are taken be treated as prisoners of war, but with humanity, and be allowed the same rations as the troops in the service

vice of the United Colonies; but that such as are officers supply themselves and be allowed to draw bills to pay for their subsistance and cloathing:

That officers made prisoners in the land service be allowed the same indulgence:

That the officers be not permitted to reside in or near any sea port town, nor public post road; and that the officers and privates be not suffered to reside in the same places:

That in case the officers cannot draw or sell their bills, the Congress will allow for each of them Two Dollars a week, for board and lodgings, to be repaid by said officers before they are released from their captivity:

That no tavern keepers supply any officers who are prisoners, on the credit of the continent:

That the capitulations entered into with prisoners at the time of their surrender be punctually observed:

That such officers as surrender prisoners of war be put on their parole, unless Congress shall otherwise direct:

That the FORM of the PAROLE be as follows:

I ——— being made a prisoner of war, by the army of the Thirteen United Colonies, in North-America, do promise and engage, on my word and honour, and on the faith of a gentleman, to depart from hence to ——— in the province of ——— being the place of my destination and residence, and there, or within six miles thereof, to remain during the present war between Great-Britain and the said United Colonies, or until the Congress of the said United Colonies, or the assembly, convention, or committee or council of safety of the said colony shall order otherwise; and that I will not directly or indirectly give any intelligence whatsoever to the enemies of the United Colonies, or do or say any thing in opposition to, or in prejudice of the measures and proceedings of any Congress for the said colonies during the present troubles, or until I am duly exchanged or discharged. Given under my hand, this day of A. D. 1776.

That the said parole be signed by the officers:

That such as refuse to subscribe the parole be committed to prison:

That David Franks, Esq; agent to the contractors for victualling the troops of the king of Great-Britain, be permitted to supply the prisoners with provisions and other necessaries, and to sell his bills for such sums of money as are necessary for that purpose:

And to enable him to do this to the satisfaction of his employers, that a commissioned officer be permitted once a month to visit the prisoners so victualled and supplied, in order to count their numbers and certify the rolls:

That such of the prisoners as are not supplied by Mr. Franks, be furnished with provisions not exceeding the rations allowed to privates in the service of the continent. That

That the women and children belonging to prisoners be furnished with subsistance, and supplied with firing and other things absolutely necessary for their support:

That no prisoners be inlisted in the continental army:

That the prisoners be permitted to exercise their trades and to labour in order to support themselves and families:

That the committees of inspection and observation, for the counties, districts or towns, assigned for the residence of prisoners, be impowered to superintend their conduct, and in cases of gross misbehaviour to confine them, and report to their respective assemblies, convention or committees or council of safety the proceedings had on such occasions:

That a list of the prisoners in each colony be made out by the committees of the counties, towns or districts where they reside, and transmitted to the assembly, convention, or council or committee of safety of such colony respectively, who shall send a copy thereof to Congress:

That the said assemblies, conventions, and committees or councils of safety be impowered to contract with proper persons for the most reasonable terms for supplying such of the prisoners, their wives and children, in their respective colony as are not supplied by Mr. Franks:

That the said assemblies, conventions, and committees or councils of safety, be authorized and requested to take the paroles of the officers, and to cause a strict observance of the terms on which they are enlarged, and also to take especial care that none of those confined by order of the Congress, be suffered to escape; also to advance the allowance of Two Dollars a week to each of the officers who cannot draw or sell their bills and to draw for the same on the president of the Congress:

That the said assemblies, conventions, committees or councils of of safety of the colonies respectively in which prisoners are or shall chuse or be appointed to reside, be impowered to remove such prisoners from place to place within the same colonies, as often as to such assemblies, conventions, committees or councils of safety it shall seem proper, having regard to the former resolutions of Congress concerning prisoners.

The committee, to whom the letter of the 10th from general Lee was referred, brought in their report, which was read, and after some debate;

Resolved, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed till the arrival of general Washington.

A letter from Allan M'Donald a prisoner at Reading, to John Nixon, Esq; president of the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, was laid before Congress and read.

The committee to whom the letters from general Washington, major general Schuyler, and the commissioners in Canada were referred, brought in their report, which was read. *Resolved*,

Resolved, That the consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

The committee for superintending the treasury, to whom it was referred to consider and report a plan for carrying into effect the resolution of Congress for emitting five millions of dollars, brought in their report, which was read:

Resolved, That the consideration thereof be postponed till to-morrow.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *May* 22, 1776.

A petition from James M'Knight was presented to Congress and read.

A report being made on the petition of P. Simons, the same was taken into consideration: whereupon,

Resolved, That it appears James M'Knight hath proceeded in the sale of the sloop Sally and her cargo, contrary to the mode prescribed, and without any authority from Congress:

That the resolution passed the 4th of April, "impowering the committee of inspection and observation of the county of Burlington, to make sale of the sloop Sally and the cargo on board, and to pay one half of the net proceeds to James M'Knight for salvage, and retain the other half for the owner or owners," be set aside.

Resolved, That it be an instruction to the marine committee, to procure an exact account of the number and weight of the cannon lately taken at Providence.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report on the letters from general Washington &c. received the 16th and 18th, whereupon

Resolved, That the instructions given to Mr. Price by major general Schuyler be approved: That general Schuyler be directed to take any farther measures for supplying the army in Canada with provisions, which his prudence may suggest, in which Congress place the highest confidence:

That general Schuyler be informed of the difficulty of procuring specie, and directed, as far as possible to remedy that inconvenience by purchasing such necessaries, as can be obtained in these colonies, and to appoint storekeepers and other officers for the sale and distribution thereof:

That general Schuyler be informed that Congress have in view these two great objects, the protection and assistance of our Canadian friends, and the securing so much of that country as may prevent any communication between our enemies and the indians: The means of effecting these purposes by fortifying proper posts, building armed vessels where most expedient, opening roads of communication or otherwise, are left to the determination of a council

council or councils of war, governing themſelves by events and their knowledge of the country:

That general Waſhington or the commanding officer at New-York, be directed to ſend from thence to Ticonderoga ſo many light cannon as will be ſufficient to arm the veſſels now in lake Champlain:

That the attention of the commiſſioners in Canada to the reſtoration of order and diſcipline, and to the puniſhment of thoſe by whom they are violated, deſerves the approbation of Congreſs:

That the ſpecie now in the treaſury, and as much more as can be procured, not exceeding the ſum of one hundred thouſand dollars, be immediately remitted to the commiſſioners for the payment of debts due from theſe colonies in Canada, and for the preſervation of public credit:

That the commiſſioners in Canada be directed, if neceſſary, to appoint proper perſons to collect and audit the public accounts in that province:

That the commiſſioners in Canada and general Schuyler be informed, that we cannot give them any aſſurance of maintaining our army there by hard money, but that this ought not to diſcourage our operations, Congreſs being determined to ſend from theſe colonies ſupplies of proviſions and all other neceſſaries, if hard money cannot be obtained; and that in the mean time the beſt endeavours ſhall be uſed to procure the ſum of one hundred thouſand dollars:

That ſome perſon or perſons be employed by the preſident in New-England, as an agent or agents to procure if poſſible, hard money to the amount of one hundred thouſand dollars, and as ſoon as a conſiderable ſum is obtained, the ſaid agents be directed to tranſmit the ſame to the commiſſioners of Congreſs in Canada, for the uſe of the army there, and in caſe of the abſence of the commiſſioners, the ſame to be delivered to the deputy pay maſter general:

That ſuch preſents be made to the indians on the delivery of the hatchet, as the commiſſioners in Canada think prudent:

That 500,000 dollars be ſent as ſoon as poſſible to general Schuyler.

The committee of claims reported that there is due

On ſundry certificates exhibited by Joſeph Donaldſon, the ſum of 467.6 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Robert M'Pherſon, Eſq; and

Captain Dowdles company charged with	$13\frac{1}{3}$ dollars.
Captain Nelſon's company with	26.8
Captain James Grier for a riffle with	$9\frac{1}{3}$
Captain Creſſap's company for riffles with	24.5
Captain Stephenſon's company with	$8\frac{2}{3}$

the remainder to the continent.

To

To Robert Erwin, waggon maſter, for tranſporting ſalt-petre from Egg-Harbour, the ſum of 117.4 dollars:

To Robert Patton for 163 days attendance as a meſſenger, the ſum of 108.7 dollars:

To Hugh Hodge for medicines for the third Pennſylvania battalion, the ſum of 27.4 dollars:

To Samuel Kennedy, ſurgeon to the fourth Pennſylvania battalion, the ſum of 14.1 dollars:

To Michael Whitman for proviſions furniſhed priſoners from St. John's, the ſum of £ 1: 15: 6: Pennſylvania currency, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Adam Kimmel, together with two thirds of a dollar omitted to be charged in a former account rendered by him, the whole amounting to 5.3 dollars:

On ſeveral accounts rendered by major Nicholas Hauſegger for neceſſaries for the fourth Pennſylvania battalion, the ſum of 203.7 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to him:

To Chriſtian Levy for a riffle, the ſum of 8 dollars, which ought to be charged to captain Nelſon.

To major Nicholas Hauſegger for divers expences paid by him, the ſum of 34.4 dollars:

To John Barnes for boarding officers, priſoners, at Trenton, the ſum of 77 3 dollars, of which ſum,

Dr. Nuddleſton to be charged with	24 dollars.
Lieutenant Namar,	24 do.
Major Regonville,	16 do.
Lieutenant Symes,	13.3 do.

On ſeveral accounts exhibited by Lewis Gordon, Eſq; for ſundry neceſſaries furniſhed by Northampton committee to captain Nelſon's and captain Craig's companies, the ſum of 1310.1 dollars, of which there ought to be charged

To captain Craig's company,	1205.7 dollars.
And to captain Nelſon's company,	7.2 dollars.

the remainder to the continent:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be impowered to appoint an aſſiſtant clerk to his ſecretary with the pay of 40 dollars per month.

Reſolved, That an order for 10500 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of the delegates of Connecticut, to be by them tranſmitted to the governor and council of the ſaid colony, for the uſe of the battalion ordered to be raiſed there by a reſolution of the 16th inſtant, the ſaid governor and council to be accountable.

That an order for 21,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of the delegates of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, to be by them tranſmitted to the aſſembly of the ſaid colony, for the uſe of the two battalions ordered to be raiſed there by the reſolution above mentioned, the ſaid aſſembly to be accountable.

That

That the pay of the said three battalions commence from the time they are armed and mustered:

That an order for 10500 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of the delegates of New-Hampshire, to be then transmitted to the council of the said colony, for the use of the battalion ordered to be raised there, by a resolution of the 14th instant, the said council to be accountable.

The Congress took into consideration the report of the committee for superintending the treasury; whereupon,

Resolved, That the five millions of dollars directed to be emitted in continental bills of credit, shall consist of the following denominations:

138889	- -	of 1 dollar.
138889	- -	of 2 dollars.
138889	- -	of 3 dollars.
138888	- -	of 4 dollars.
138889	- -	of 5 dollars.
138889	- -	of 6 dollars.
138889	- -	of 7 dollars.
138889	- -	of 8 dollars.

That the inspectors of the press for the last emission, be directed and authorised to perform that service for the present emission, being first qualified agreeable to the resolution of Congress, passed the 21st February last:

That the gentlemen appointed to sign and number the bills of credit of the last emission, be authorised to sign and number the bills of credit of five millions of dollars now agreed to be emitted, taking before they shall enter upon their office, the oath or affirmation prescribed by the resolution of Congress of the 9th of March last:

That the plates engraved for the two last emissions, shall be used in the emission now directed, and that the bills be expressed in the following words:

Dollar

This bill intitles the bearer to receive Spanish milled dollars, or the value thereof in gold or silver, according to a resolution of Congress, passed at Philadelphia the 9th of May, 1776.

That the said bills be signed by two signers, and each different denomination numbered from number one, progressively.

The committee, appointed to examine and ascertain the value of the several species of gold and silver coins, current in these colonies, and the proportions they ought respectively to bear to Spanish milled dollars, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *May* 23, 1776.

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to confer with general Waſhington, major general Gates, and brigadier general Mifflin, upon the moſt ſpeedy and effectual means for ſupporting the American cauſe in Canada:

The members choſen Mr. Harriſon, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Wilſon, and Mr. Rutledge.

Reſolved, That the committee appointed to contract for the making fire arms, be directed to order the manager of the continental factory of fire arms at Lancaſter, and the manager of the gun lock factory at Trenton, to deliver to colonel Shee or his order, all the muſkets and gun locks that each of them may have ready, in order to the more expeditious arming the continental battalion under his command:

That the ſaid committee be directed to bring in a reſolution for promoting and encouraging the making of good fire arms.

A letter from Charles Miller to Joſeph Trumbull, Eſq; commiſſary general, was laid before Congreſs and read;

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members choſen Mr. Whipple, Mr. Gerry, and Mr. F. Lee.

Reſolved, As the opinion of this Congreſs, that James M'Knight ought to reſtore to the owners the money found on board the ſloop Sally, and alſo the effects or the money he received for the effects on board the ſaid ſloop, at the time ſhe was run on ſhore, and for the wreck, tackle and furniture of the ſaid ſloop, which effects, wreck, tackle, and furniture, were ſold or pretended to be ſold, or ſecreted by him the ſaid James M'Knight.

Ordered, That general Waſhington attend in Congreſs to-morrow.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *May* 24. 1776.

A letter from Mrs. Abi. Grant was laid before Congreſs and read, requeſting permiſſion to return to her huſband and family in London, and to take on board neceſſary ſtores for the voyage:

Reſolved, That her requeſt be granted, and that the preſident give her a paſſport to the place where ſhe ſhall chuſe to embark.

The committee for ſuperintending the treaſury, to whom was referred the account and claim of captain Herman Allen of lieutenant colonel Warner's battalion, brought in their report, which was agreed to: whereupon,

Reſolved, That there be allowed to captain Herman Allen, for ſundry diſburſements for the uſe of his company, the ſum of 360 dollars, over and above the account allowed by the convention of New-York, amounting to £ 240: 18: 0: New-York currency.

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The committee, to whom was referred the petition of Joſeph Trumbull, Eſq; commiſſary general, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration and agreed to; whereupon,

Reſolved, That there be allowed to the ſeveral perſons undermentioned, employed in the commiſſary general's department in the continental army, the wages and rations annexed to their names reſpectively, during the time they have been and ſhall continue in the ſervice of the United Colonies:

In the iſſuing ſtore at Cambridge:

Charles Miller, iſſuing ſtore keeper; 50 dollars per month, and 4 rations:

Peter Roe Dalton, firſt clerk; 4/8 lawful money a day, and 3 rations:

Ebenezer Perry, and Thomas Durant, } clerks in ſtore; 3/4 do. and 2 rations:

William Brown, and Joſiah Brown, } clerks at ſcales; 3/4 do. and 2 do.

Robert Davis, clerk of weekly allowances; 3/4 do. and 2 do.

Eight labourers, one cooper, and one cook, each 2/8 lawful money a day, and 1 ration:

Employed to iſſue to two brigades:

In the ſtore at Roxbury:

Aaron Blaney, iſſuing ſtore keeper; 50 dollars per month, and 4 rations:

James Richardſon, firſt clerk; 4/8 lawful money a day, and 3 rations:

Two clerks in ſtore, and two at ſcales, each 3/4 do. and 2 rations:

Six labourers, one cooper & one cook, each 2/8 do. and 1 do.

Employed to iſſue to two brigades:

On Proſpect Hill:

Peter Philips, iſſuing ſtore keeper; 40 dollars a month, and 4 rations:

Griffin Green, firſt clerk; 4/8 lawful money a day, and 3 rations:

One clerk in ſtore, and one at ſcales, each 3/4 do. and 2 do.

One cooper, and four labourers, each 2/8 do. and 1 do.

Employed to iſſue to one brigade:

At Medford:

Moſes Emerſon, iſſuing ſtore keeper; 40 dollars a month, and 4 rations:

Iſrael Mead, firſt clerk; 4/8 lawful money a day, and 3 rations:

One clerk in ſtore, and one at ſcales, each 3/4 do. and 2 do.

One cooper, and four labourers, each 2/8 do. and 1 do.

Employed to iſſue to one brigade:

In the magazine at Cambridge:

Samuel Gray, Reuben Stiles, and Daniel Brown, clerks and magazine keepers, 4/8 lawful money a day, and 3 rations:

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One cooper, 2/8 lawful money a day, and 1 ration :

In the magazine at Roxbury :

Jabez Porter, and James Jauncey Pendleton, clerks and magazine keepers; 4/8 lawful money a day, and 3 rations :

One cooper, 2/8 do. and 1 do.

Joſeph Farnſworth, commiſſary to colonel Arnold's detachment; returned from fort Halifax, £ 10 lawful money a month, and 3 rations per day :

John Thomas, employed conſtantly in riding to collect ſtores, procure teams, &c. himſelf and horſe, 8/ lawful money a day, and 3 rations :

William Hoſkins, and Eliſha Avery, principal book-keepers and payers of ſmall bills, £ 10 lawful money a month, and 3 rations per day.

Reſolved, That an addition of forty dollars a month be made to the pay of the commiſſary general.

The committee appointed to confer with his excellency general Waſhington, major general Gates, and brigadier general Mifflin, brought in their report, which being taken into conſideration, was agreed to; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the commanding officer in Canada be informed that Congreſs are fully convinced of the abſolute neceſſity of keeping poſſeſſion of that country, and that they expect the forces in that department will conteſt every foot of the ground with the enemies of theſe colonies; and as Congreſs have in view the cutting off all communication between the upper country and the enemy, they judge it highly neceſſary that the exertions of the forces be particularly made on the St. Lawrence below the mouth of the Sorrell :

That the commanding officer in Canada be directed to make exact and frequent returns of men, proviſions and military ſtores in the Canadian department, to the general and commander in chief of the United Colonies :

That general Schuyler be deſired to take care that the army in Canada be regularly and effectually ſupplied with neceſſaries:

That the troops ordered for Canada be haſtened into that country ſo ſoon as proviſions can be forwarded for their ſupport :

That the commanding officer in Canada be aſſured of the reſolution of Congreſs, to afford him every ſupport in his endeavours to carry their views into execution.

Reſolved, That Mr. R. R. Livingſton be added to the committee of conference, and that they be directed farther to confer with the generals, touching the moſt proper poſts and meaſures to be taken for effectually preventing the enemy's communication with the upper country from Canada, and ſuch other meaſures as ſhall tend to ſecure the frontiers.

Agreeable to order, general Waſhington attended in Congreſs, and after ſome conference with him, *Reſolved*,

Reſolved, That he be directed to attend again to-morrow.

A letter of the 26th of April from the convention of North-Carolina, with a liſt of priſoners by them ſent to Pennſylvania, was laid before Congreſs and read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſaid letter and liſt be ſent to the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, and that they be deſired to have the ſaid priſoners properly and ſafely ſecured and provided for, agreeably to the reſolutions of Congreſs, at the expence of the United Colonies.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Jacob Hilzheimer, for ſundry expreſſes, the ſum of 372.3 dollars:

To captain Nathaniel Falconer, for his and Mr. Aſhe's expences, together with the expences of two ſervants going to New-York with money and returning, the ſum of 98.5 dollars:

To Daniel Smith, for expences of guards, &c. at the city tavern, over brigadier general Preſcot, and captain Chaſe, the ſum of 118 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Sundry reſolutions paſſed by the convention of Maryland were laid before Congreſs and read.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *May* 25, 1776.

A letter from colonel William Wind, dated the 18th, and a petition from the committee of the county of Lincoln, were preſented to Congreſs; alſo a petition from John Wilcox, and John and Peter Chevalier, was preſented and read.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſell to the petitioners John Wilcox, and John and Peter Chevalier, 75 lb. of gun powder:

That the ſaid committee be directed to deliver to the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, half a ton of powder, in order to prove cannon, the ſaid committee to be accountable.

Reſolved, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of James Meaſe, commiſſary; for the uſe of the Pennſylvania battalions, he to be accountable:

That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to provide a ſtock of ſhoes, hats, and ſtockings, for the uſe of the troops in the continental ſervice, on the moſt reaſonable terms.

A petition from James M'Knight was preſented to Congreſs and read;

Ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from the committee of inſpection and obſervation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, was preſented to Congreſs and read;

Ordered

Ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That a copy of ſaid memorial be delivered to Mr. R. Morris, who deſires the ſame in behalf of the aſſembly of Pennſylvania.

Reſolved, That an order for 65,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of the delegates of Virginia, for the uſe of the battalions raiſed in that colony, the ſaid colony to be accountable.

Agreeable to order general Waſhington attended, and after ſome conference with him,

Reſolved, That a committee be appointed to confer with his excellency general Waſhington, major general Gates, and brigadier general Mifflin, and to concert a plan of military operations for the enſuing campaign.

The members appointed Mr. Harriſon, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. R. R. Livingſton, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. W. Livingſton, Mr. Read, Mr. Tilghman, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Middleton, and Mr. Hall.

The committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, to whom were referred the letter from the convention of North-Carolina, and the liſt of the priſoners ſent from thence, having appointed colonel Roberdeau to wait upon Congreſs and inform them that the priſoners are arrived, and that they have ordered them to be cloſely confined, and have appointed an officer's guard for their better ſecurity; and farther to inquire what allowance for ſubſiſtance is to be granted them.

Reſolved, That the diſpoſition of the priſoners made by the committee of ſafety is approved, and that they have the allowance granted to other officers who are priſoners.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the letter from general Waſhington of the 11th May, the letter from general Schuyler of the 3d, and the letter from captain Daniel Robertſon of the royal highland emigrant regiment of the 9th, which was in part agreed to; whereupon,

Reſolved, That lieutenant colonel Burbeck be diſmiſſed from the continental ſervice:

That a letter be written to the preſident of the convention of Virginia, requeſting that they will immediately forward to Philadelphia ſuch quantity of lead as can be ſpared from that colony:

That one battalion of Germans be raiſed for the ſervice of the United Colonies:

That general Schuyler be impowered to increaſe the number of batteaus to two hundred:

That four of the priſoners taken at St. Johns, and ſuggeſted by the letter from captain Robertſon, to have inliſted in the continental army, viz.

William Roughead and Eliſha Griſler, in captain Hubley's company; John Santon, in captain Brown's company; and John Mayot

Mayot, in a company unknown, be diſmiſſed the ſervice, and return to their corps at Lancaſter.

Reſolved, That the conſideration of the firſt paragraph in ſaid report be poſtponed, and that the third and fifth paragraphs be referred to the committee appointed to confer with the generals.

A number of deputies from four of the ſix nations of Indians having arrived in town, and notified Congreſs that they are deſirous of an audience;

Reſolved, That they be admitted to an audience on Monday next at 11 o'clock.

Ordered, That notice be given to the colonels of the aſſociation of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, to draw out their battalions in review on Monday morning as early as they can conveniently, and that the Congreſs with the generals in town will attend the review at 9 o'clock.

Reſolved, That the arms, ammunition and military ſtores taken by the armed ſchooner Franklin, or any other of the armed veſſels in the pay of the United Colonies, be at the diſpoſal of the general or commander in chief of the American forces.

The committee to whom the reſolutions of the convention of South-Carolina reſpecting the battalions raiſed in that colony were referred, brought in their report which was read.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral reports on general Waſhington's letters not yet conſidered, and the general's letters, which were referred to a committee of the whole Congreſs, be committed to the committee appointed to confer with the generals.

As two of the committee, to whom the letter from colonel Hand of the riffle battalion was referred, are abſent,

Reſolved, That two other members be choſen in their room.

The members elected Mr. Wilſon, and Mr. Woolcott.

The committee, to whom was referred the letter from Charles Miller to the commiſſary general, brought in their report which was read and agreed to; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the commiſſary general be directed to order ſo much of the proviſions ſtored in the continental magazine in Maſſachuſetts-Bay, to be delivered for victualling the five ſhips of war now building at Portſmouth, Newbury-Port, and Providence, as the marine committeee ſhall direct; and to keep the reſidue for the uſe of the continental army, that is or may be ſtationed in the eaſtern department.

That the commiſſary general be directed to receive the amount of the pork, beef, and fiſh, ſupplied the colony of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, and credit the ſame in his account with the United Colonies.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY,

MONDAY, *May* 27, 1776.

A letter of the 16th from George Morgan, Esq; to Lewis Morris, Esq; was laid before Congress and read.

Resolved, That it be referred to the standing committee on Indian affairs.

A petition from Samuel de Lucena was presented to Congress and read.

Resolved, That it be referred to the committee for promoting the manufacture of sulphur and saltpetre.

A petition from the committee of the county of Monmouth, in the colony of New-Jersey, was presented to Congress and read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the secret committee be directed to send forward with all convenient dispatch, one ton of powder, lent for the defence of the western frontier; of which 800 lb. to be lodged in fort Pitt, 600 lb. with the committee of West Augusta, and 600 lb. with the committee of Westmoreland, to be used only in case that country is attacked.

Agreeable to order, the Indians were admitted to an audience; after they withdrew,

Resolved, That the standing committee for Indian affairs be directed to prepare a speech to be delivered to the Indians, and to procure such articles as they judge proper for a present.

The delegates from North-Carolina, and the delegates from Virginia, laid before Congress certain instructions which they received from their respective conventions.

Resolved, That the sum of 30,000 dollars be transmitted to the assembly of Massachusetts-Bay, to be by them exchanged for silver and gold for the Canada expedition, agreeable to a former resolution of Congress.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *May* 28, 1776.

Resolved, That colonel Turbutt Francis be desired to attend at the next conference with the Indians, and assist in interpreting for them.

The committee, to whom it was referred to consider of a mode for regulating the price of salt, brought in their report, which was read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, *May* 29, 1776.

A letter from general Wooſter of the 27th of April laſt, and a letter from William Palfrey, with a weekly account from the 19th to 25th May incluſive, were laid before Congreſs and read.

A petition from captain Budden was preſented to Congreſs and read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That midſhipman Draper, be offered in exchange for captain William Budden.

A letter from Levi Hollinſworth, and Thomas Richardſon, to the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, dated Newport 21ſt inſt. alſo a memorial from ſundry members of the general aſſembly of Rhode-Iſland, were preſented to Congreſs and read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee appointed to confer with the generals, brought in a report which was read and conſidered:

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of the report be poſtponed till to-morrow.

Reſolved, That the committee have leave to ſit again.

A letter from Mr. Jay, introducing a foreigner to the notice of Congreſs, was preſented and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the ſecret committee, and that they be directed to confer with the gentleman.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

For ferriages of two braſs field pieces ſent to Virginia, the ſum of 6 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to James Davidſon:

To Walter Stewart, for his expences in going on board the Liverpool frigate, the ſum of $8\frac{15}{90}$ dollars:

To David Lenox, for his expences going to New-York as an eſcort of money, the ſum of $62\frac{63}{90}$ dollars:

To William Sheppard, for waggon hire on two journeys to New-York, and on a journey to Port royal in Virginia with general Lee, the ſum of $102\frac{4}{90}$ dollars:

On ſeveral certificates for entertaining general Lee's guard, the ſum of $37\frac{78}{90}$ dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to George Roſs, Eſq;

To Robert Erwin, for waggonage of gun powder to the city of New-York, the ſum of 414 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The ſaid committee farther reported, that captain John Lowdon had laid before them an account of the expenditure of money paid into his hands for the purpoſe of raiſing a company of riffle men, amounting to the ſum of $582\frac{70}{90}$ dollars:

Tranſporting baggage from Northumberland to Reading, 40 dollars:

Amount of divers articles ordered to be charged to captain Lowdon, which now appear to be continental charges, $50\frac{3}{90}$ dollars:

Amount of John Harris, and Elias Younkman's bills, which have been twice paid, and twice charged to captain Lowdon, and which ought now to be charged to the committeee of Berks, $86\frac{44}{90}$ dollars:

The whole amounting to $758\frac{54}{90}$ dollars:

Ordered, That captain Lowdon be credited with the above sum, and that the committee of Berks county be charged with the sum abovementioned.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *May* 30, 1776.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the mode of regulating the price of salt, and thereupon came to the following resolution:

Whereas it hath been represented to Congress, that avaricious ill designing men have taken advantage of the resolve of Congress, passed the 30th of April, for withdrawing from the committees of inspection the power of regulating the price of goods, to extort from the people a most exorbitant price for salt,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the committees of observation and inspection in the United Colonies, so to regulate the price of salt, as to prevent unreasonable exactions on the part of the seller, having due regard to the difficulty and risque of importation; subject however to such regulations as have been or shall hereafter be made by the legislatures of the respective colonies.

The committee, to whom the letter from Joseph Woodward, chairman of the committee of the New-Hampshire grants was referred, and who were directed to hear the persons mentioned in the said letter, brought in their report, which was read.

The committee to whom it was referred to consider of an adequate reward for the person who brought the late intelligence from England, brought in their report; whereupon,

Resolved, That he receive his pay, being a soldier in captain Morgan's company of riffle men, to be continued from the time of his captivity, until the 15th day of June next, and a gratuity of one hundred dollars.

A petition from captain Herman Allen was presented to Congress and read.

Resolved, That six of the heaviest cannon at Newport, and fourteen of the heaviest cannon at New-London, belonging to the continent, be transported to Philadelphia as soon as possible.

That

That a copy of the above reſolution be tranſmitted to the governors of Rhode-Iſland and Connecticut.

Congreſs then took into conſideration the report of the committee appointed to confer with his excellency general Waſhington, major general Gates, and brigadier general Mifflin, and after ſome debate,

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of the whole Congreſs.

Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the report of the committee of conference, and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported that the committee have taken into conſideration the matter referred to them, and have come to a reſolution thereon, but not having had time to go through the whole, deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

The reſolution reported from the committee of the whole Congreſs being read, was agreed to, as follows:

Reſolved, That the general be authoriſed to direct the building as many fire rafts, row gallies, armed boats, and floating batteries as may be neceſſary, and ſuitable for the immediate defence of the port of New-York, and Hudſon's river.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow again reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the report of the committee of conference.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *May* 31, 1776.

A letter of the 22d from commodore E. Hopkins, incloſing the proceedings of two courts martial on John Hazard, commander of the ſloop Providence, and Abraham Whipple, commander of the Columbus, was laid before Congreſs and read;

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee on the inſtructions given to commodore Hopkins.

A letter of the 21ſt from Jonathan Trumbull, deputy paymaſter general: And a petition from Hugh King, in behalf of himſelf and others, were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That an order for 50,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of brigadier general Mifflin, to enable him to pay for tents, entrenching tools, and ſundry other articles, which he as quarter maſter general has bought in Philadelphia, for the uſe of the continental army; he to be accountable.

The committee of conference brought in a farther report, which was read;

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee of the whole Congreſs.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That John Connolly, John Smith, and Allan Cameron, three of the priſoners confined in the goal of Philadelphia, who are repreſented to be in a dangerous ſtate of health, be permitted, for the recovery of their health, to walk two hours in the day in the yard of the priſon, in company with or under the inſpection of at leaſt two of the guards.

Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the reports of the committee of conference, and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee have taken into their further conſideration the matters to them referred, but not having yet finiſhed, deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow again reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the reports of the committee of conference.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *June* 1, 1776.

Letters from the committees of Hartford and Northampton in Connecticut, reſpecting priſoners, being laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That they be referred to the committee on priſoners.

A letter of the 27th of May from governor Trumbull was alſo read; and a letter from colonel J. Read, informing, that upon his arrival at New-York, finding a gentleman of character and abilities performing the ſervices of ſecretary with ſatisfaction to the general, he was induced to requeſt, and has obtained the general's leave to reſign that office.

The committee on indian affairs, to whom it was referred to conſider of a proper preſent for the indians, brought in their report; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſaid committee be impowered and directed to purchaſe goods for a preſent to the indians, to an amount not exceeding $426\frac{6}{90}$ dollars.

The Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the report of the committee of conference, and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee had taken into further conſideration the matters to them referred, and come to ſome reſolutions which they deſired him to report, but not having yet come to a concluſion, directed him to move for leave to ſit again.

The report from the committee of the whole Congreſs was read; whereupon,

Reſolved,

Resolved, That six thousand militia be employed to reinforce the army in Canada, and to keep up the communication with that province, to make up which number,

Resolved, That the colony of Massachusetts-Bay be requested, to supply of their militia 3000 - 4 battalions.
Connecticut of their militia 1500 - 2 battalions.
New-Hampshire of their militia 750 - 1 battalion.
New-York of their militia 750 - 1 battalion.

Resolved, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed till Monday next.

Resolved, That the Congress will on Monday next again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their further consideration the report of the committee of conference.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Anthony Fricker, for boarding the Scots hostages from the 22d of March to the 4th of June instant, $246\frac{78}{90}$ dollars:

To Samuel Patterson, for waggon hire and dining the prisoners brought from North-Carolina, the sum of $7\frac{60}{90}$ dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Thomas M'Kean, Esq;

Ordered, That the same accounts be paid.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, *June* 3, 1776.

Sundry letters received by general Washington, were laid before Congress and read.

Resolved, That an order be drawn on the treasurers, for $1066\frac{2}{3}$ dollars, in favour of Ephraim Blaine, Esq; in advance for the purchase of shoes to be sent to Williamsburgh, for the use of the continental army; he to be accountable.

The committee of conference brought in a further report which was read:

Resolved, That the same be referred to the committee of the whole Congress.

The Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the reports of the committee of conference, and after some time spent thereon, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have had under consideration the matters to them referred, and have come to sundry resolutions thereon, which they have directed him to report, but not having yet come to a conclusion, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

The report from the committee of the whole Congress being read, was agreed to; whereupon,

Resolved,

Reſolved, That 13800 militia be employed to reinforce the army at New-York; to compleat which number,

Reſolved, That the colony of Maſſachuſetts-Bay be requeſted to furniſh of their militia 2000
Connecticut of their militia 5500
New-York of their militia 3000
New-Jerſey of their militia 3300

Reſolved, As the opinion of this Congreſs that the eleven battalions raiſed and ordered to be raiſed for the protection of the four New-England colonies, are ſufficient.

Reſolved, That a flying camp be immediately eſtabliſhed in the middle colonies; and that it conſiſt of 10,000 men; to compleat which number,

Reſolved, That the colony of Pennſylvania be requeſted to furniſh of their militia 6000
Maryland of their militia 3400
Delaware government of their militia 600

Reſolved, That the militias be engaged to the firſt day of December next, unleſs ſooner diſcharged by Congreſs:

That the pay of the militias commence from the day of their marching from home, and that they be allowed one penny a mile lawful money, in lieu of rations for travelling expences, and one day's pay for every twenty miles between home and the general rendezvous going and returning:

That three major generals, and two brigadier generals be added to the continental eſtabliſhment of general officers, and that the vacancies in the offices of adjutant general, and quarter maſter general be filled up:

That the general aſſembly of the colony of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, the governor and aſſembly of the colony of Connecticut, the conventions of New-York and New-Jerſey, and the ſeveral conventions of ſuch other of the United Colonies, in which there are any lead mines, be requeſted to tranſmit to Congreſs with all convenient diſpatch the ſtate and condition of the lead mines in their reſpective colonies, and uſe the moſt ſpeedy means to procure their being wrought to effect:

That it be earneſtly recommended to the aſſemblies, conventions, and committees of ſafety of the United Colonies, to fall upon the moſt effectual means of removing the ſtock, grain, and meal, from ſuch parts of their reſpective colonies, as are invaded, or are in imminent danger of being invaded by the enemy:

That two provincial brigadier generals be employed in the Canada department; one from Maſſachuſetts-Bay, and one from Connecticut:

That four provincial brigadier generals be employed in the New-York department; one from Maſſachuſetts-Bay, one from Connecticut, one from New-York, and one from New-Jerſey:

That

That three provincial brigadier generals be employed for the flying camp; two from Pennſylvania, and one from Maryland:

That the ſaid brigadier generals be appointed by the reſpective colonies above mentioned:

That the commander in chief be authoriſed to form and fix ſuch magazines of proviſions and military ſtores, as he may judge neceſſary.

Reſolved, That to-morrow be aſſigned for electing the three major generals and the two brigadier generals, and for filling up the vacancies in the offices of adjutant general, and quarter maſter general.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be impowered to export produce of theſe colonies to the foreign Weſt-Indies, ſufficient to pay for ten thouſand ſtand of arms, ordered to be procured from thence by the committee of ſecret correſpondence.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow again reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the report of the committee of conference.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *June* 4, 1776.

Reſolved, That an order for 800 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of Joſeph Swift, jun. being in full of a draught the 10th May, in his favour by B. Franklin, S. Chaſe, and Charles Carroll of Carrollton, commiſſioners in Canada; for value by them received there, and employed in the public ſervice.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the aſſemblies and conventions of the colonies, requeſted to ſupply or furniſh militia by the reſolutions of yeſterday, to take particular care that the militias come provided with arms, accoutrements, and camp kettles.

A letter of the 3d from William Palfrey, paymaſter general, was laid before Congreſs and read;

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee, to whom the letters received the 21ſt of May laſt were committed.

A letter of the 31ſt of May from John Macpherſon, was laid before Congreſs and read;

Reſolved, That it be referred to Mr. Read, and Mr. M'Kean, who are directed to confer with Mr. Macpherſon.

A petition from colonel Turbutt Francis, was preſented to Congreſs and read;

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of ſeven:

The members choſen, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Harriſon, Mr. W. Livingſton, Mr. Wythe, Mr. R. R. Livingſton, Mr. Lynch, and Mr. Braxton.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver the muſkets lately imported, to colonel Shee for the uſe of his battalion.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That captain Herman Allen, have leave to withdraw the petition by him delivered in behalf of the inhabitants of the New-Hampſhire grants, he repreſenting that he has left at home ſome papers and vouchers neceſſary to ſupport the allegations therein contained.

Reſolved, That the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania be impowered to negociate with captain Bellew on the beſt terms they can for an exchange of the priſoners on board the Liverpool; provided always, that this ſhall not be conſtrued ſo as to enable them to deliver up lieutenant Bogar and lieutenant Ball in the exchange.

Agreeable to order, Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the reports of the committee of conference, and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported that the committee have taken into their farther conſideration the matters to them referred, and have come to ſome farther reſolutions thereon, but not having yet come to a concluſion, directed him to move for leave to ſit again.

The reſolutions agreed to by the committee of the whole Congreſs being read,

Reſolved, That the conſideration thereof be poſtponed till to-morrow.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow again reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the reports of the committee of conference.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *June* 5, 1776.

A letter of the 2d from major general Putnam, with ſundry letters and papers incloſed, was laid before Congreſs and read;

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to the committee on priſoners.

A letter from the committee of Greenwich in Cumberland county, in New-Jerſey, dated the 3d, was laid before Congreſs and read, informing that the ſloop Betſy and Ann, B. T. maſter; was arrived there from Bermudas, with 1700 buſhels of ſalt, and two puncheons of rum, which he is deſirous of exchanging for proviſions, which the inhabitants of Bermudas are in extreme want of; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſaid maſter be allowed to exchange his cargo for proviſions, and to export the ſame under the inſpection and direction of the committee of Greenwich, who are deſired to take an oath or ſuch other ſecurity as they think proper of the ſaid maſter, that he will carry the ſame to the iſlands of Bermudas, and will uſe his utmoſt endeavours to avoid all Engliſh men of war and cutters.

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Congreſs took into conſideration the report from the committee of the whole; whereupon,

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to conſider what is proper to be done with perſons giving intelligence to the enemy or ſupplying them with proviſions:

The members choſen, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Jefferſon, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Wilſon, and Mr. R. Livingſton.

Reſolved, That the deputy commiſſaries general, deputy quarter maſters general, deputy adjutants general, and deputy muſter maſters general make regular returns and reports to Congreſs, and to the reſpective officers to whom they are deputies, at leaſt once a month, and that the principals alſo make returns to Congreſs at the ſame periods:

That the pay maſter general, and the deputy pay maſters general, make monthly returns to Congreſs of their expenditures, and the ſtate of the military cheſts in their ſeveral departments:

That the flying camp be under the command of ſuch continental general officers as the commander in chief ſhall direct:

That expreſſes be eſtabliſhed between the ſeveral continental poſts:

That the militia when in ſervice be regularly paid and victualled in the ſame manner as the continental troops:

That the aids de camp of the commander in chief rank as lieutenant colonels:

That the aids de camp of major generals rank as majors:

That Robert Hanſon Harriſon, Eſq; have the rank of lieutenant colonel in the continental army:

That the aſſiſtant quarter maſters be allowed captains pay:

That the pay of regimental ſurgeons be augmented to thirty three dollars and one third of a dollar a month.

Reſolved, That a committee to conſiſt of one member from each colony be appointed to conſider of ways and means of eſtabliſhing expreſſes between the ſeveral continental poſts:

The members are, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Ellery, Mr. Woolcot, Mr. Lewis, Mr. W. Livingſton, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Rodney, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Braxton, Mr, Hewes. Mr. Lynch, jun. and Mr. Gwinnet.

Congreſs then proceeded to the election of an adjutant general, and quarter maſter general, to fill up the vacancies in thoſe offices, when the ballots being taken and examined,

Joſeph Reed, Eſq. was elected adjutant general, and

Stephen Moylan, Eſq. was elected quarter maſter general.

Reſolved, That Joſeph Reed, Eſq. have the pay of 125 dollars a month, and the rank of a colonel:

That Stephen Moylan, Eſq. have the pay of 80 dollars a month, and the rank of colonel.

Reſolved, That the election of major generals be poſtponed.

Reſolved, That no perſon ſhall be appointed to any place of profit,

unleſs the perſon to be appointed ſhall have a majority of the voices of the colonies repreſented at the time of the election.

Congreſs then proceeded to the election of two brigadier generals when the ballots being taken the following gentlemen were duly elected:

John Whitecombe, Eſq.

Hugh Mercer, Eſq.

The order of the day, and the ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to morrow.

THURSDAY, *June* 6. 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congreſs and read, *viz.*

Two from major gen Schuyler of the 31ſt May, and 1ſt June:

One from the commiſſioners in Canada, of the 27th and 28th of May:

Three from general Thomas, of which two to the commiſſioners of the 15th and 20th May, and one to general Wooſter of the 27th of the ſame month:

Three from brigadier general Arnold of the 17th 25th and 27th of May, to the commiſſioners in Canada, incloſing a cartel entered into between him and capt. Foſter for exchange of priſoners:

One from brigadier general Thompſon of the 25th of ſaid month to the commiſſioners.

Reſolved, That a copy of the letter from the commiſſioners be ſent to general Waſhington:

That brigadier general Wooſter be directed immediately to repair to head quarters at New York:

That the letters received and read be referred to a committee of five;

The members choſen, Mr Sherman, Mr Wythe, Mr Scargeant, Mr. F. Lee, and Mr. Gwinnet.

The draught of a ſpeech to be delivered to the indians being read was agreed to:

Reſolved, That the delivery of it be deferred for ſome days.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To captain William Weſt, for expences in conducting money to Williamſburg, horſe hire, &c. included, the ſum of 219 $\frac{40}{90}$ dollars:

To Melchior Meng, for twenty one days hire of his waggon and horſes carrying money to Virginia, the ſum of 42 dollars:

To Benjamin Towne, the ſum of 26 $\frac{27}{90}$ dollars for cartouch boxes, being ſo much paid him leſs than the price contracted for:

To Robert Porter, for accoutrements for colonel Hartley's regiment, the ſum of 18 $\frac{66}{90}$ dollars, and that the ſame ought to be charged to the ſaid regiment;

To John Kuntz, the ſum of 21 $\frac{40}{90}$ dollars, of which ſum there is

due

due for entertaining general Lee's guards the ſum of 10 60/90 dollars, and for expreſſes, the ſum of 10 70/90 dollars:

To Michael Stadleman, for entertaining general Lee's guard, the ſum of 11 39/90 dollars:

To Benjamin Smith, for board and accomodations for priſoners at Trenton, the ſum of 31 4/90 dollars, which became due before the regulation of Congreſs determining the price of their board, took place:

For expences in apprehending Henry Edwin Stanhope and George Gregory, who broke their parole and ran away from Northampton in Connecticut, the ſum of 47. 48/90 dollars and that the ſame ought to be charged to the ſaid Stanhope and Gregory:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The marine committee having recommended ſundry gentlemen for captains and ſubaltern officers for the ſhips building or built for the continent:

Reſolved, That Thomas Thompſon be appointed captain of the frigate built in New Hampſhire:

John Hopkins and Samuel Tomkins } for thoſe building in Rhode Iſland:

Chriſtopher Miller for one of thoſe building at New York:

Nicholas Biddle
John Barry
Thomas Read
Charles Alexander } for thoſe building in Philadelphia:

James Nicholſon for that building in Maryland.

Reſolved, That the names of the thirteen frigates be the Congreſs, Randolph, Hancock, Waſhington, Trumbull, Raleigh, Eſſingham, Montgomery, Warren, Boſton, Virginia, Providence, and Delaware.

Reſolved, That Iſrael Turner be firſt lieutenant, Joſeph Doble ſecond lieutenant, Mark Dennet third lieutenant of capt. Manly's ſhip.

Reſolved, That the marine committee be impowered to affix the names to each particular ſhip, and determine the veſſel, which each captain is to take command of:

That the marine committee be impowered and directed to conſider the propriety of building two more ſhips of war and their ſize and report to Congreſs.

Reſolved, That three members be added to the committee appointed to deviſe ways and means for raiſing ten millions of dollars voted the 6th. of May:

The members choſen, Mr, Braxton, Mr. R. Livingſton, and Mr. Tilghman.

Reſolved, That Doctor Jonathan Potts be employed as a phyſician and ſurgeon in the Canada department, or at lake George as the general

general ſhall direct, but that this appointment ſhall not ſupercede Doct. Stringer.

Reſolved, That an expreſs be ſent to Hugh Mercer, Eſq; who was yeſterday appointed a brigadier general, with his commiſſion, and that he be deſired immediately to repair to head quarters at New-York.

A memorial of Jacob Ummenſetter was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee appointed to contract for the caſting of cannon.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed,

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *June* 7, 1776.

The committee to whom was referred the letter from Eſeck Hopkins, commodore of the continental fleet, dated Providence, May 22d, brought in their report, which being taken into conſideration was agreed to; whereupon,

Reſolved, That Mr. Charles Walker of New-Providence, be paid the value of the ſloop Endeavour, as alſo of four tons of lignum vitæ, and one hundred cedar poſts, taken by the ſaid commodore, for the uſe of the colonies, and the damages the ſaid Walker has ſuſtained by the taking and detention of the ſaid veſſel, lignum vitæ and poſts; the ſaid Walker giving a full acquittance for the ſaid veſſel, goods and damages.

Reſolved, That the governor of the colony of Connecticut be requeſted to appoint judicious and diſintereſted perſons to appraiſe the veſſel and goods aforeſaid, at the time when they were taken, for the ſervice of the colonies, and to eſtimate the full damages ſuſtained by the ſaid Walker, and report to this Congreſs forthwith, that the ſaid Walker may be indemnified by this Congreſs.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Walker have his election to receive his veſſel again, and the hire of her, and his damages, or the value of her to be aſcertained as aforeſaid.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the reſolutions of the convention of South-Carolina, reſpecting the battalions raiſed in that colony, and after ſome debate,

Reſolved, That it be recommitted.

Congreſs being informed that complaint is made with reſpect to the powder manufactured at Oſwald Eve's mill:

Reſolved, That Mr. Wiſner, Mr. Paine, and Mr. R. Livingſton be a committee to inquire into the defect, and take meaſures to have it remedied.

Certain reſolutions reſpecting Independency being moved and ſeconded,

Reſolved, That the conſideration of them be referred till to-morrow morning; and that the members be enjoined to attend punctually

ally at ten o'clock, in order to take the ſame into their conſideration.

The committee to whom was referred the conſideration of the attempt made to counterfeit the bills of credit emitted by Congreſs, brought in their report:

Ordered to lie on the table for conſideration.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *June* 8. 1776.

Reſolved, That the reſolutions reſpecting Independency be referred to a committee of the whole Congreſs:

The Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported that the committee have taken into conſideration the matter to them referred, but not having come to any reſolution thereon, directed him to move for leave to ſit again on Monday.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will on Monday next, at 10 o'clock, reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the reſolutions referred to them.

A petition of John Bayard, Joſeph Deane, and William Erſkine, being preſented to Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſell the petitioners 550 lb. of powder, and 400 lb. of ſwivel and grape-ſhot for the uſe of their privateer Hancock, and alſo 750 lb. of powder before applied for.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *June* 10, 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

Two from general Waſhington of the 7th and 8th, together with copies of twenty one letters and papers from general Schuyler and others:

One from the commiſſioners in Canada, of the 17th of May; and

One from captain Herman Allen.

Reſolved, That the ſaid letters and papers be referred to the committee appointed on the 6th, to conſider ſundry letters that day read.

A letter from Stephen Moylan, Eſq; expreſſing his grateful thanks to Congreſs for appointing him to the office of quarter-maſter general; and a letter from the convention of New-York of the 7th, were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the pay of the continental troops in the middle department be henceforth the ſame as that of the troops in the eaſtern.

Reſolved

Reſolved, That to-morrow be aſſigned for the appointment of a deputy pay-maſter general for the eaſtern department.

Agreeable to order, the Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the reſolutions to them referred, and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported that the committee have had under conſideration the matters referred to them, and have come to a reſolution thereon, which they directed him to report.

The reſolution agreed to in committee of the whole Congreſs being read,

Reſolved, That the conſideration of the firſt reſolution be poſtponed to Monday the firſt day of July next; and in the mean while, that no time be loſt, in caſe the Congreſs agree thereto, that a committee be appointed to prepare a declaration to the effect of the ſaid firſt reſolution, which is in theſe words, "That theſe United "Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and Independant "ſtates; that they are abſolved from all allegiance to the Britiſh "crown; and that all political connection between them and the "ſtate of Great Britain is, and ought to be totally diſſolved."

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *June* 11. 1776.

Two letters of the 9th and 10th from general Waſhington were read and referred to the committee appointed on the 6th.

A letter from H. E. Stanhope of the 11th, and one from E. Webb of the 12th of May, both dated from Northampton goal; alſo one from Mrs. Connolly, were read:

Reſolved, That theſe be referred to the committee on priſoners.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to conſider of a compenſation to the ſecretary for his ſervices:

The members choſen, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. Hewes.

Reſolved, That an order for 10,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of Carpenter Wharton, for the uſe of the Pennſylvania battalions, he to be accountable.

Reſolved, That the ſum of one hundred and fifty dollars be paid the indian interpreter for his ſervices, and to defray his expences.

The preſent for the indians being provided, they were called in, and the ſpeech agreed to was delivered as follows:

"Brothers, We hope the friendſhip that is between you and us will be firm, and continue as long as the ſun ſhall ſhine, and the waters run, that we and you may be as one people, and have but one heart, and be kind to one another as brethren.

Brothers, The king of Great-Britain hearkening to the evil council of ſome of his fooliſh young men, is angry with us, becauſe

cauſe we will not let him take away from us our land and all that we have, and give it to them, and becauſe we will not do every thing that he bids us, and hath hindered his people from bringing goods to us, but we have made proviſion for getting ſuch a quantity of them, that we hope we ſhall be able to ſupply your wants as formerly.

Brothers, We ſhall order all our warriors and young men not to hurt you or any of your kindred, and we hope you will not ſuffer any of your young men to join with our enemies, or to do any wrong to us, that nothing may happen to make any quarrel between us.

Brothers, We deſire you to accept a few neceſſaries, which we preſent you with, as tokens of our good will towards you."

The preſents being delivered, the indian chief begged leave to give a name to the preſident; the ſame being granted, an Onondago chief aroſe, and ſaluted the preſident by the name of Karanduaân, or the *Great Tree*, by which name he informed him the preſident will be known among the ſix nations.

After which the indians took their leave and withdrew.

A letter from brigadier general Sullivan, dated at St. Johns, June 1, was laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That colonel Shee and colonel Magaw, be ordered immediately to march with their regiments to New-York.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to lend the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, four tons of powder.

Reſolved, That letters be ſent by expreſs to the ſeveral colonies who are to furniſh militia for the defence of New-York, acquainting them of the neceſſity of forwarding the ſupplies with all poſſible diſpatch.

Reſolved, That the committee for preparing the declaration conſiſt of five:

The members choſen, Mr. Jefferſon, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Sherman, and Mr. R. R. Livingſton.

Reſolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and digeſt the form of a confederation to be entered into between theſe colonies.

That a committee be appointed to prepare a plan of treaties to be propoſed to foreign powers.

Mr. Chaſe, and Mr. Carroll of Carrollton, two of the commiſſioners being arrived from Canada, attended and gave an account of their proceedings, and the ſtate of the army in that country.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *June* 12, 1776.

Colonel Roberdeau, on behalf of the owners of the privateers which have taken ſome prizes, on board of which was a quantity of

of dollars to the amount of 22,000, having tendered to Congreſs the moiety belonging to them, in exchange for continental bills of credit:

Reſolved, That their offer be accepted, and that application be made to the agent for the men, for the moiety belonging to them, and that continental money be given them in lieu thereof.

Congreſs proceeded to the election of a deputy pay maſter general for the eaſtern department, and the ballots being taken,

Ebenezer Hancock was elected unanimouſly.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 150,000 dollars be ſent to Mr. E. Hancock, deputy paymaſter general for the uſe of the continental troops in the eaſtern department.

The committee, to whom colonel Hand's letter of the 3d of May laſt was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be directed to order the riffles of ſuch men belonging to the riffle regiment as will not reinliſt to be purchaſed, and that the general order the payment out of the military cheſt:

That the riffle regiment be allowed a drummer and fifer to each company:

That 9000 dollars be advanced to colonel Hand, to purchaſe an uniform for the riffle regiment, the ſaid ſum to be ſtopped out of the pay of the ſaid regiment.

Reſolved, That captain Grier, who is returned from Virginia with his detachment and a number of recruits, be directed to join the battalions on their march to New-York, and that Mr. C. Wharton be directed to ſupply them with rations.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to colonel Magaw, for the uſe of his battalion, the 191 muſkets ſent up by captain Barry.

Reſolved, That the committee to prepare and digeſt the form of a confederation to be entered into between theſe colonies, conſiſt of a member from each colony:

The members appointed, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Sherman, Mr. R. R. Livingſton, Mr. Dickinſon, Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Stone, Mr. Nelſon, Mr. Hewes, Mr. E. Rutledge, and Mr. Gwinnet.

Reſolved, That the committee to prepare a plan of treaties to be propoſed to foreign powers conſiſt of five:

The members choſen, Mr. Dickinſon, Mr. Franklin, Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Harriſon, and Mr. R. Morris.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on a war office; whereupon,

Reſolved, That a committee of Congreſs be appointed by the name of a board of war and ordinance, to conſiſt of five members.

That

That a ſecretary, and one or more clerks be appointed by Congreſs, with competent ſalaries, to aſſiſt the ſaid board in executing the buſineſs of their department:

That it ſhall be the duty of the ſaid board, to obtain and keep an alphabetical and accurate regiſter of the names of all officers of the land forces in the ſervice of the United Colonies, with their rank and the dates of their reſpective commiſſions; and alſo regular accounts of the ſtate and diſpoſition of the troops in the reſpective colonies, for which purpoſe the generals and officers commanding in the different departments and poſts, are to cauſe regular returns to be made into the ſaid war office:

That they ſhall obtain and keep exact accounts of all the artillery, arms, ammunition and warlike ſtores, belonging to the United Colonies, and of the manner in which, and the places where the ſame ſhall from time to time be lodged and employed; and that they ſhall have the immediate care of all ſuch artillery, arms, ammunition, and warlike ſtores, as ſhall not be employed in actual ſervice; for preſerving whereof, they ſhall have power to hire proper magazines at the public expence:

That they ſhall have the care of forwarding all diſpatches from Congreſs to the colonies and armies, and all monies to be tranſmitted for the public ſervice by order of Congreſs; and of providing ſuitable eſcorts and guards for the ſafe conveyance of ſuch diſpatches and monies, when it ſhall appear to them to be neceſſary;

That they ſhall ſuperintend the raiſing, fitting out, and diſpatching all ſuch land forces as may be ordered for the ſervice of the United Colonies:

That they ſhall have the care and direction of all priſoners of war, agreeable to the orders and regulations of Congreſs:

That they ſhall keep and preſerve in the ſaid office in regular order, all original letters and papers, which ſhall come into the ſaid office by order of Congreſs or otherwiſe, and ſhall alſo cauſe all draughts of letters and diſpatches to be made or tranſcribed in books to be ſet apart for that purpoſe, and ſhall cauſe fair entries in like manner to be made, and regiſters preſerved of all other buſineſs, which ſhall be tranſacted in the ſaid office:

That before the ſecretary or any clerk of the war office ſhall enter on his office, they ſhall reſpectively take and ſubſcribe the following oath, a certificate whereof ſhall be filed in the ſaid office,

"I A. B. do ſolemnly ſwear, that I will not directly or indirectly, divulge any matter or thing, which ſhall come to my knowledge as ſecretary of the board of war and ordinance, (or clerk of the board of war and ordinance) eſtabliſhed by Congreſs, without the leave of the ſaid board of war and ordinance, and that I will faithfully execute my ſaid office according to the beſt of my ſkill and judgment. So help me God."

That the ſaid board of war be authoriſed to hire ſuitable apartments, and provide books, papers, and other neceſſaries at the continental expence, for carrying on the buſineſs of the ſaid office.

The committee to whom the ſeveral letters from the commiſſioners in Canada, and major general Schuyler, with the papers encloſed therein were referred, brought in their report, which was read.

The commiſſioners to Canada alſo brought in a report in writing, which was read.

Reſolved, That the ſaid two reports be referred to the committee of the whole Congreſs.

Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the reports to them referred, and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee have made ſome progreſs in the matters referred to them, but not having finiſhed, directed him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow again reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the reports referred to them.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *June* 13, 1776.

A letter from Mr. M'Kean dated 2 o'clock this morning, and a letter from the committee of Lewis-town of the 11th, were laid before Congreſs and read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to forward one ton of gun powder, and a proportionable quantity of lead, if to be got, to the committee of ſafety of the counties on Delaware, for the uſe of the militia in that government:

That it be recommended to the aſſembly of Pennſylvania immediately to order a battalion of the provincial riffle men to march to the aſſiſtance of the militia in Delaware government:

That it be recommended to the aſſembly or committee of ſafety of Delaware government, to cauſe all the diſaffected in their colony to be diſarmed, and the arms to be diſpoſed of agreeable to a former reſolution of Congreſs:

That the commanding officer of the riffle battalion of aſſociators in this city, be requeſted to order a company of the ſaid battalion to eſcort the powder ſent to the Delaware government, until they ſhall reach the provincial battalion of rifflemen, ordered to march to the aſſiſtance of the Delaware militia.

A letter from James M'Lene, chairman of the committee of Shippenſburg, encloſing certain reſolutions reſpecting ſome powder they have ſtopped, which was ſent by Mr. L. Morris to George Morgan, Eſq; at Pittſburg, was laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the preſident return an anſwer, and inform the committee, that the powder was ſent to G. Morgan, Eſq; by order of Congreſs, and requeſt them to uſe their endeavours to have the ſame forwarded with all ſafety and diſpatch to Mr. Morgan at Pittſburg.

A letter of the 11th from the convention of New-York was alſo read, and referred to the committee appointed the 6th.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſtop the exportation of any ſalted proviſions, which they may have ordered to be made from New-York.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver 100 lb. of powder to the order of the committee appointed to contract for the caſting of cannon.

Reſolved, That an order for 600 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of captain James Grier, he to be accountable for the ſame, and to render an account thereof to the paymaſter general, upon his arrival at New-York.

Reſolved, That the pay of the ſecretary of the board of war and ordinance, be at the rate of 800 dollars a year.

Congreſs having proceeded to the election of a committee to form the board of war and ordinance, the following members were choſen,

Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Harriſon, Mr. Wilſon, and Mr. E. Rutledge:

Richard Peters, Eſq; was elected ſecretary of the ſaid board.

The committee on qualifications having recommended Doctor Benjamin Alliſon, as ſurgeon to the firſt Pennſylvania battalion now in Canada,

George Tudor, to be captain of the company lately commanded by Walter Stewart, in the third Pennſylvania battalion,

Mr. John Duguid, as a firſt lieutenant in the ſaid third battalion,

Mr. Herman Stout, as a ſecond lieutenant in the ſaid battalion,

And Mr. Andrew Graydon, as an enſign in the ſaid battalion:

Reſolved, That they be accepted, and that commiſſions be granted to them accordingly.

Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the reports to them referred, and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee have made ſome farther progreſs in the matters referred to them, but not having yet come to a concluſion, deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow again reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the reports to them referred.

The marine committee reported, that complaints are made againſt commodore E. Hopkins, captain Saltonſtal, and capt. Whipple,

ple, for breach of orders and other mal-practices; whereupon,

Resolved, That the marine committe be directed to inform commodore E. Hopkins, captain Saltonstal, and captain Whipple, of the complaints lodged against them, and order them immediately to repair to Philadelphia, to answer for their conduct.

Resolved, That in case the enemy's ships of war attempt to come up the river Delaware, that the secret committee be impowered and directed to deliver such a quantity of powder as they shall judge necessary to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *June* 14, 1776.

Resolved, That an order for 1500 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Mr. George Evans, commissary; for the use of the continental troops in Delaware government, he to be accountable.

A letter of the 10th from the committee of safety of Maryland, was laid before Congress and read; also a letter of the 16th of May from the commissioners in Canada, recommending major Dubois to the notice of Congress for promotion.

Resolved, That the commanding officer in the barracks be directed to deliver the prisoner in his custody to the committee of safety of Pennsylvania, who are desired to treat him agreeable to former resolutions of Congress.

A letter of the 13th from general Washington, inclosing two letters from major general Schuyler of the 8th, and sundry other letters and papers was laid before Congress and read:

Resolved, That the same be referred to the standing committee on indian affairs, and that the committee be directed to sit forthwith.

A letter of the 13th from W. Livingston, inclosing a letter from Thomas Little of the 2d, was laid before Congress and read:

Resolved, That they be referred to the committee appointed to inquire into and remedy the defects of the powder manufactured at Mr. O. Eve's mill.

The committee, to whom were referred the letters from general Washington of the 9th and 10th, and a letter from the president of the convention of New-York, with the papers inclosed, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the convention of the colony of New-York, to make effectual provision for detecting, restraining, and punishing disaffected and dangerous persons in that colony, and to prevent all persons from having any intercourse or correspondence with the enemy; and that general Washington afford his aid therein, when necessary.

Whereas it has been represented to this Congress, that great quantities of salted beef and pork have been purchased for exportation

tion which if not reſtrained may render the ſupplies of the army difficult and uncertain:

Reſolved, therefore, That no ſalted beef or pork, except as much as may be neceſſary for the uſe of the crew, be exported from any of the United Colonies in any veſſel, under any pretence whatever, until the further order of this Congreſs.

The committee appointed to conſider of a compenſation to the ſecretary for his ſervices, brought in their report, which was agreed to as follows:

That the ſum of one thouſand two hundred dollars be granted and paid out of the public treaſury to Charles Thompſon, ſecretary to the United Colonies, in conſideration of his faithful ſervices for one year, ending the 10th of May laſt.

The committee, to whom general Waſhington's letter of the 15th, and major general Schuyler's of the 8th, were referred brought in their report which was taken into conſideration: whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Schuyler and the other commiſſioners for indian affairs in the northern department be directed immediately to hold a conference with the ſix nations; to engage them in our intereſt upon the beſt terms that can be procured, and treat with them on the principles and in the deciſive manner mentioned in his letter:

That general Schuyler's preparations for immediately taking poſt at fort Stanwix and erecting a fortification there be approved of; and that general Waſhington be inſtructed to give him directions for carrying that meaſure into execution.

Reſolved, That the committee on ſpies be directed to reviſe the rules and articles of war, and to make ſuch additions and alterations as they may judge proper, and lay the ſame before Congreſs for their conſideration.

A petition from Mrs. ***, was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee on ſpies.

A memorial from the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania was preſented to Congreſs and read; ſetting forth, that a committee of the aſſembly accompanied by the general officers lately in town, and a ſkilful engineer, have viewed the river Delaware, and the fortifications and defences erected at the expence of the colony of Penſylvania, to oppoſe and prevent the paſſage of the enemy's ſhips; and that they have judged it neceſſary for farther ſecurity that a redoubt ſhould be erected at Billingſport on the New-Jerſey ſide, and that a boom ſhould be there thrown acroſs, or ſome other obſtructions fixed in the channel; and praying as the place for the redoubt is out of their government and as their colony has expended a very large ſum for the defence of the river, that the Congreſs would direct the works to be done at the continental expence; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania be impowered, at the continental expence, to erect the redoubt and to fix the boom or other obſtructions at the places aforeſaid.

Thomas

Thomas Bales, blackſmith, propoſing to ſupply the continental troops with a quantity of camp kettles of ſheet iron at one and one-third dollar each, provided he can have credit for five tons of ſheet iron.

Reſolved, That Timothy Matlack, Eſq. be directed to write to Thomas Mayberry of Mountholly, the manufacturer of ſheet iron, to ſend down to him five tons of ſheet iron, for which he will be paid on the delivery; and that Mr. Matlack be directed to receive the ſaid iron, and deliver it out as it may be wanted to Thomas Bales, and receive the kettles as faſt as made.

The matters to this day referred being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *June* 15. 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

One from Mr. M'Kean of the 13th, and one from Mr. P. Peters:

One from general Waſhington of the 14th, incloſing the copy of a letter from general Schuyler of the 10th, and ſundry other papers:

One from governor Trumbull of the 10th, with ſundry papers incloſed:

One from David Waterbury of the 6th, with accounts incloſed.

Reſolved, That the letter from D. Waterbury, with the accounts incloſed, be referred to the committee of claims.

A letter from the committee of ſafety of Virginia, of the 5th, informing of the arrival of five tons of powder, on account of the continent, was read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That one half of the ſaid continental powder be left in Virginia, and the other half forwarded to the commanding officer in South-Carolina.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take into conſideration the ſtate of Georgia, and report thereon to Congreſs:

The members choſen Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Harriſon and Mr. S. Adams.

The marine committee having recommended

Mr. Hector M'Neal to command the frigate Boſton;

Mr. John Brown to be lieutenant of the ſame;

Mr. Thomas Grennel to command the frigate Montgomery;

Reſolved, That they be accepted, and that commiſſions be granted to them accordingly.

A memorial from the owners of four private ſhips of war, fitted and fitting out in Philadelphia, was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

For expences of ſick men belonging to the 6th Pennſylvania battalion, the ſum of $58\frac{3}{90}$ dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to captain Samuel Benezet:

To

To Hugh Hodge, for ſundry neceſſaries for the ſick of the third Pennſylvania battalion, the ſum of $34\frac{15}{90}$ dollars:

To Robert Erwin, waggon-maſter, for tranſporting ſalt-petre from Egg-harbour to Cooper's ferry, the ſum of $210\frac{70}{90}$ dollars:

To Peter Agnew, for repairing arms for the fifth Pennſylvania battalion, the ſum of $11\frac{36}{90}$ dollars.

The ſaid committee farther reported, That Peter Noble, a ſoldier belonging to colonel Hinman's battalion, (captain Watſon's company) who was taken priſoner near Montreal, with colonel Eathan Allen, ought to have the ſum of 40 dollars advanced to him and his receipt taken for the ſame, as part of his pay.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

It being repreſented to Congreſs, that a number of officers, whoſe men left them laſt winter in Canada, and who remained and ſerved there during the whole winter, were returned, and were deſirous of being ſome way employed and provided for:

Reſolved, That this caſe be referred to the board of war and ordinance, who are deſired to ſit as ſoon as conveniently they can, and report thereon to Congreſs.

Reſolved, That the preſident write to governor Trumbull, deſiring that he will deliver to the agent of the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, the cannon and trucks ordered by Congreſs to be taken from New-London, and that he be informed the Congreſs expect this reſolution will be immediately complied with.

Reſolved, That the letters from governor Trumbull, general Waſhington and general Schuyler, be referred to the board of war and ordinance.

Reſolved, That the report of the committee on general Waſhington's letters of the 9th and 10th, which was left unfiniſhed, together with the amendments moved and ſeconded, be referred to the committee of the whole Congreſs.

The Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the reports referred to them, and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported that the committee have had under conſideration the matters to them referred, and have come to ſundry reſolutions thereon, which they ordered him to report; but not having yet finiſhed, deſired him to move for leave to ſit again.

The report from the committee of the whole being delivered in,

Reſolved, That a committee of four be appointed to digeſt and arrange the ſeveral reſolutions agreed to in the committee of the whole, in order to be laid before Congreſs; and that the committee of the whole be diſcharged of the reports, ſo far as they relate to the cartel entered into between brigadier general Arnold and captain Forſter for an exchange of priſoners, and that the ſame be referred to the committee now to be appointed:

The

The members chosen, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Braxton, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Middleton.

Resolved, That this Congress will on Monday next again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the reports to them referred.

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *June* 17. 1776.

A letter of the 7th of May from brigadier general Armstrong; and one of the 6th of June from the committee of Albany, were laid before Congress and read.

The board of war and ordinance, to whom the letter from governor Trumbull of the 10th of June was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the governor and assembly of Connecticut, to send the two battalions mentioned in the said letter as raised, one for Boston, and one for New-York, into Canada forthwith, as proposed in the said letter; and that a battalion of militia be sent to Boston, instead of the one intended for that place:

That blank commissions be sent to governor Trumbull, for the officers of the battalion intended for New-York; the present exigency requiring this measure, the same not to be drawn into precedent:

That 10,500 dollars be paid into the hands of the delegates of Connecticut, to be sent to that colony, to defray the expences of raising the said regiment:

That governor Trumbull be informed, that Congress are of opinion, that the provision made by the late act of assembly of Connecticut, for the purpose of engaging one third of the militia on the sea coast, and one fourth in the interior part of that colony, for the defence thereof, and of the neighbouring colonies, will by no means answer the object the Congress had in view by their resolution of the 3d of June; and request that such steps be taken by the assembly of that colony, as shall seem to them most likely to carry into effect the said requisition.

Resolved, That commissions be granted to the officers appointed by the assembly of Connecticut for the regiment ordered to be raised in that colony, for the service of the continent.

Resolved, That the secret committee be directed to sell two tons of gun-powder to the convention of New-Jersey, for the use of their militia.

The committee appointed to digest and methodize the resolutions entered into by the committee of the whole, having performed that service, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That an experienced general be immediately sent into Canada,

Canada, with power to appoint a deputy adjutant-general, a deputy muſter-maſter general, and ſuch other officers as he ſhall find neceſſary for the good of the ſervice, and to fill up vacancies in the army in Canada, and notify the ſame to Congreſs for their approbation; that he alſo have power to ſuſpend any officer there, till the pleaſure of Congreſs be known, he giving his reaſons for ſo doing in the orders of ſuſpenſion, and tranſmitting to Congreſs as ſoon as poſſible, the charge againſt ſuch officer; provided, that this power of ſuſpending officers and filling up vacancies, ſhall not be continued beyond the firſt day of October next:

That general Waſhington be directed to ſend major general Gates into Canada, to take the command of the forces in that province:

That no officer ſuttle or ſell to the ſoldiers, on penalty of being fined one month's pay, and diſmiſſed the ſervice with infamy, on conviction before a court-martial:

That the baggage of officers and ſoldiers be regulated conformably to the rules in the Britiſh armies:

That all ſales of arms, ammunition, cloathing, and accoutrements made by ſoldiers, be void:

That no troops employed in Canada be diſbanded there; that all ſoldiers in Canada ordered to be diſbanded, or, whoſe times of inliſtment being expired, ſhall refuſe to re-inliſt, ſhall be ſent under proper officers to Ticonderoga, or ſuch other poſt on the lakes as the general ſhall direct, where they ſhall be muſtered, and the arms, accoutrements, blankets, and utenſils which they may have belonging to the public, ſhall be delivered up, and depoſited in the public ſtore:

That a deputy muſter-maſter general be immediately ſent into Canada:

That the local commiſſaries and quarter-maſters, appointed at the different garriſons or poſts, ſhall make weekly returns to the general, of the proviſions and ſtores in the places at which they may happen to be ſtationed:

That the general officers, deputy quarter-maſter general, local commiſſaries, pay-maſter in Canada, and all other perſons there, who have received public monies, be ordered without delay to render and ſettle their accounts; on which ſettlement no general officer ſhall receive pay as colonel of a regiment, nor field officer as captain of a company:

That general Schuyler be directed to make a good waggon-road from fort Edward to Cheſhire's; to clear Wood creek, and to conſtruct a lock at Skeneſborough, ſo as to have a continued navigation for batteaus from Cheſhire's into lake Champlain; to erect a grand magazine at Cheſhire's, and ſecure it by a ſtockade fort; to erect a ſaw-mill at Scoon creek; to order ſkilful perſons to ſurvey and take the level of the waters falling into Hudſon's river near

fort Edward, and thoſe which fall into Woodcreek and interlock with the former, particularly Jones' run and Half-way brook, the latter of which is ſaid to diſcharge itſelf into Wood creek at Cheſhire's; that he be directed to have a greater number of boats and hands kept on Hudſon's river, at the different ſtations between Albany and fort Edward, in order to ſave the expence of waggonage; that he be impowered to appoint proper officers to ſuperintend the carriage by land, and tranſportation by water, of proviſions, military ſtores, and other things into Canada, that neither waſte nor delay may ariſe therein; that he build, with all expedition, as many gallies and armed veſſels as, in the opinion of himſelf and the general officer to be ſent into Canada, ſhall be ſufficient to make us indiſputably maſters of the lakes Champlain and George; and that for this purpoſe there be ſent to him a maſter carpenter acquainted with the conſtruction of the gallies uſed on the Delaware, who ſhall take with him other carpenters, and models alſo if requiſite; and that it be ſubmitted to general Schuyler, whether a temporary fortification or intrenched camp, either at Crownpoint or oppoſite Ticonderoga, may be neceſſary:

That the commiſſary-general be directed to ſupply the army in Canada with proviſions, and to appoint proper officers under him to receive and iſſue the ſame at the ſeveral poſts, taking the directions of the general; that he be impowered to contract with proper perſons in Canada for ſupplying the army there with freſh proviſions; that he be directed to purchaſe for them a quantity of Albany peas, and to furniſh as much biſcuit as may be neceſſary: And that his pay be raiſed to 150 dollars a month:

That the quarter-maſter general be directed to provide and forward ſuch tents, cloathing, and utenſils as are wanted for the army in Canada, ſubject to the direction of the commander in chief:

That general Waſhington be directed to ſend into Canada ſuch ſmall braſs or iron field pieces as he can ſpare; that he be inſtructed to iſſue orders that no certificates be given in future by any but brigadiers, quarter maſters and their deputies, or a field officer on a march or officer commanding at a detached poſt:

That letters be written to the conventions of New-Jerſey and New York and to the aſſembly of Connecticut, recommending to them to authoriſe the commander in chief in the colony of New-York to call to the aſſiſtance of that colony, when neceſſity ſhall require it, ſuch of the militia of thoſe colonies as may be neceſſary; and to afford him ſuch other aſſiſtance as the ſituation of affairs may require; and that it be further recommended to the convention of New York to impower the ſaid commander in chief to impreſs carriages and water craft, when neceſſary for the public ſervice, and alſo to remove ſhips and other veſſels in Hudſon's and the eaſt rivers, for the purpoſe of ſecuring them from the enemy:

That

That the companies of riffle men from Virginia and Maryland be regimented, and that the regiment be compleated to the original number of the Pennſylvania battalion:

That the Pennſylvania battalion of riffle men be compleated to their original eſtabliſhment:

That two companies of the forces now in the Delaware government, be ordered to Cape May:

That the committee appointed to contract for eannon be directed to procure a number of braſs or iron field pieces, to be made or purchaſed immediately:

That the committee appointed to provide medicines be directed to ſend a proper aſſortment of medicines to Canada:

That Mr. James Meaſe be directed to purchaſe and forward to the quarter maſter general in New-York, as much cloth for tents as he can procure:

That the committee appointed to provide ſtockings and ſhoes for the troops in Canada, be directed to purchaſe ſuch other articles as may be wanted for the uſe of the ſoldiers in Canada, and ſend the ſame to Albany, that they may be forwarded to the army in Canada, and that they be particularly attentive to provide in time a ſufficient number of leathern breeches and under waiſtcoats, and ſuch other winter cloathing as may be neceſſary for them:

That the ſaid committee be directed to forward with all expedition to the quarter maſter in Canada, ſuch ſhoes as are already provided:

That priſoners taken by continental forces be not exchanged by any authority but the continental Congreſs:

That all veſſels which ſailed from the port or harbour of Boſton, while the town of Boſton was in poſſeſſion of the enemy, having on board effects belonging to the enemies of America, and which have been or may be ſeized, be liable together with the ſaid effects to confiſcation, in the ſame manner and proportions as have been heretofore reſolved by Congreſs:

That the continental agents in the reſpective Colonies, where no courts have been eſtabliſhed for the trial of captures, have power and be directed to diſpoſe at public ſale, of ſuch articles of a periſhable nature, as ſhall be taken from the enemies of America, and that the money ariſing from ſuch ſale, be liable to the decree of ſuch court whenever eſtabliſhed:

That the inventory of the ordinance ſtores taken by captain Manly, be ſent to general Waſhington, and that he be requeſted to appoint a perſon on the part of the colonies, to join one on the part of captain Manly and his crew, who, having firſt taken an oath for that purpoſe, ſhall proceed to value the ſame, and if they cannot agree in the value, they ſhall call in a third perſon to determine the ſame; that the report of ſuch perſons be returned to Congreſs ſo ſoon as may be, and the value of the ſtores belonging

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to captain Manly and his crew, be thereupon tranſmitted to them.

Reſolved, That it be referred to the delegates of Maryland, Pennſylvania, New-Jerſey, and New-York, to deviſe the mode of raiſing the battalion of Germans voted the 25th of May laſt.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of the report be poſtponed till to-morrow.

The committee to whom was referred the cartel between brigadier general Arnold and captain Forſter for the exchange of priſoners, and the ſeveral papers relating thereto, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee on the petition of colonel Turbut Francis reported, that they had met on the buſineſs referred to them, that the indians refuſed to be examined or to give evidence on the matter, which prevented their proceeding, wherefore they deſired to be diſcharged;

Reſolved, That they be diſcharged.

The committee on ſpies brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee, to whom the letter from William Palfrey, Eſq; paymaſter general were referred, brought in their report which was read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſaid letters with the weekly returns incloſed be delivered to the ſuperintendants of the treaſury, to be filed in the auditor general's office.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *June* 18, 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

One from general Waſhington of the 16th, incloſing one from general Ward of the 9th, and one from Wm. Palfrey of the 16th:

Three from general Schuyler of the 11th and 12th:

Two from brigadier general Sullivan of the 5th and 6th; and

Two from brigadier general Arnold of the 5th and 6th:

Reſolved, That theſe be referred to the board of war and ordinance.

A letter from W. Palfrey with a weekly return was read:

Ordered, To be delivered to the ſuperintendants of the treaſury.

A letter from J. Trumbull, commiſſary general, of the 17th, informing, that he has found it neceſſary to order a quantity of flour to be purchaſed in Philadelphia, and that to pay for the ſame, he has drawn on the preſident in favour of Mr. Matthew Erwin, for 60,000 dollars, and as he ſhall be under the neceſſity of giving orders for purchaſing pork and flour in Philadelphia, deſiring to know whether he may, from time to time, continue to draw on the preſident for the payment of thoſe articles:

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the preſident pay ſuch bills as are or may be drawn by Joſeph Trumbull, Eſq; for the purpoſes above mentioned, and that the ſame as paid be charged to his account.

A letter from the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, requeſting the opinion of Congreſs, whether perſons taken on board merchants ſhips and river craft, ought to be exchanged for ſeamen taken from the enemy's ſhips of war:

Reſolved, That the preſident inform the committee of ſafety, that the Congreſs judge it improper that ſuch exchange be made.

Reſolved, That Gunning Bedford, Eſq; deputy muſter maſter general; be promoted to the rank of muſter maſter general, and that he be directed immediately to repair to head quarters at New-York.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be impowered and directed, to nominate and ſend a deputy muſter maſter general to Canada.

Reſolved, That two members be added to the committee for ſuperintending the treaſury:

The members choſen, Mr. Hewes, and Mr. M'Kean.

A memorial from Dr. John Morgan, director general and chief phyſician of the hoſpital, was laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee appointed to provide medicines.

The committee, to whom the report on the reſolutions of the convention of South-Carolina reſpecting the battalions raiſed in that colony were re-committed, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon the Congreſs came to the following reſolutions:

Whereas the Congreſs on the 4th day of November laſt, reſolved, that for the defence of South-Carolina there be kept up in that colony, at the continental expence three battalions of foot, each battalion to conſiſt of the ſame number of men and officers, to be upon the ſame pay and under the ſame regulations as the continental army; and on the 25th day of March laſt reſolved, that the convention or council of ſafety of South-Carolina be permitted to raiſe and embody two other battalions, and that they be on the pay and at the expence of the continent as ſoon as they ſhall be armed fit for ſervice, and accordingly muſtered; and whereas the convention of South-Carolina on the 22d day of February laſt, ordered that their council of ſafety return the thanks of that colony to the Congreſs for their attention to its ſecurity; that they ſtate the peculiar circumſtances and the heavy expences, which have been and will be incurred by that colony in the meaſures neceſſary for its defence, and that they requeſt the Congreſs to allow that colony ſo much money as the expences of three battalions upon the continental eſtabliſhment would amount to for one year, and to give continental rank to the officers of the three regiments raiſed in June, and of the regiment of artillery raiſed in November,

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from the dates of their reſpective commiſſions, or at leaſt from the fourth day of November, when they reſolved to allow that colony three battalions; and whereas the delegates from that colony in Congreſs have repreſented the peculiar circumſtances and heavy expences of that colony; and that the troops raiſed in it were inliſted for three years, upon a different eſtabliſhment of pay, and under different articles of war, ſo as to render it inconvenient to place them in all reſpects upon the continental eſtabliſhment; therefore,

Reſolved, That the battalion of artillery, and the two battalions of foot raiſed in South-Carolina, and kept up in that colony for the defence of the ſame, be conſidered as continental forces, and allowed the ſame pay, rations and diſburſements as other forces on the continental eſtabliſhment:

That the two battalions under the command of colonels Gadſden and Moultrie, be allowed all the advantages of the continental eſtabliſhment, from the fourth of November laſt, and the regiment of artillery from the time when the ſame was ordered to be raiſed by the convention of South-Carolina:

That the two battalions of rifflemen raiſed in and for the defence of the ſaid colony, be conſidered as continental troops from the 25th day of March laſt, and be intitled to all the advantages of the ſame:

That all the above mentioned troops be liable to the articles for the government of the forces in the ſaid colony:

That the ſaid forces be continued on the continental eſtabliſhment until the expiration of their inliſtment, unleſs they ſhall be ſooner diſbanded by Congreſs:

That not more than one third of the effective men of the above-mentioned forces be ordered out of the ſaid colony, without the expreſs order of Congreſs, or the conſent of the preſident of that colony.

Reſolved, That Mr. Heyward and Mr. Hall, be added to the committee for providing medicines.

Reſolved, That Mr. Rodgers be appointed a member of the marine committee.

Reſolved, That a commiſſioner be appointed to ſettle in Canada the debts due on certificates, given by officers to the Canadians for carriages and other ſervices; and to ſettle the accounts for ſuch goods, as may have been ſeized through neceſſity for the uſe of the army; that it be given in inſtruction to him, to attend particularly to the caſe of Mr. Bernard, and that in ſettling the certified debts, he ſtate carefully the names of all thoſe who have given certificates, the nature of the ſervice, and the time when performed, and return the whole when ſettled and ſtated to the committee of treaſury, to be by them examined and diſcharged:

That Thurſday next be aſſigned for electing the ſaid commiſſioner.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That no man in theſe colonies charged with being a tory, or unfriendly to the cauſe of American liberty, be injured in his perſon or property, or in any manner whatever diſturbed, unleſs the proceeding againſt him be founded on an order of this Congreſs or the aſſembly, convention, council or committee of ſafety of the colony, or committee of inſpection and obſervation of the diſtrict where he reſides; provided that this reſolution ſhall not prevent the apprehending any perſon found in the commiſſion of ſome act deſtructive of American liberty, or juſtly ſuſpected of a deſign to commit ſuch act and intending to eſcape, and bringing ſuch perſon before proper authority for examination and trial.

Information being given that ſome of the officers, who were priſoners at Lebanon, in the colony of Pennſylvania, have, in violation of the parole by them given and ſubſcribed, made their eſcape;

Reſolved, That it be referred to the board of war and ordinance to conſider what ſteps are neceſſary to be taken on the occaſion.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *June* 19, 1776.

A letter from the convention of New-Jerſey of the 18th, incloſing an ordinance for raiſing 3300 militia for the defence of New-York, together with their proceedings in apprehending William Franklin, Eſq; late governor of that colony, was laid before Congreſs and read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the convention of New-Jerſey, to proceed on the examination of Mr. Franklin, and if upon ſuch examination they ſhall be of opinion that he ſhould be confined, to report ſuch opinion to this Congreſs, and then the Congreſs will direct the place of his confinement, they concurring in ſentiment with the convention of New-Jerſey, that it would be improper to confine him in that colony.

The board of war and ordinance, to whom ſundry letters and papers were referred, particularly one from general Waſhington of the 16th, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the commiſſions granted by brigadier general Sullivan, to ſundry officers in Canada, mentioned in general Waſhington's letter, be approved and confirmed; provided general Gates and the general officers in Canada, on conſultation, ſhall think the meaſure will conduce to the public ſervice:

That 300,000 dollars be ſent to the paymaſter general at New-York, for the uſe of the army.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To John Jervis, for horſe-hire, ferriages, &c. the ſum of 33 $\frac{1}{90}$ dollars:

To

To John Bruce, the ſum of $13\frac{36}{90}$ dollars, being the balance of his bill for cartouch boxes:

To Joſeph Fernaur, the ſum of $17\frac{3}{90}$ dollars, the balance of his bill for tin cartouch boxes:

To Sacheveral Wood, the Sum of $187\frac{26}{90}$ dollars, for victualling priſoners confined in gaol by order of Congreſs:

To George Reinhart, for the carriage of powder, arms and bullets, the ſum of $20\frac{48}{90}$ dollars:

To Thomas Harvey, for caſh paid by him for guards of powder waggons, and alſo his bills for ferriages, the hire of waggons, &c. the ſum of $27\frac{20}{90}$ dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Samuel Hillegas, Eſq:

To Mary Thomas, for nurſing and boarding two of captain Benezet's men in the ſmall-pox, the ſum of 12 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

A muſter roll of the ninth Virginia battalion, commanded by colonel Flemming, taken the 31ſt of May laſt, was laid before Congreſs; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſaid battalion be taken into continental pay from the ſaid 31ſt day of May.

Reſolved, That one ton of gun-powder be ſent to the colonel or commanding officer of the ſaid battalion:

That the committee for preparing medicine cheſts, be directed to ſend one to the ſurgeon of the ſaid battalion.

Reſolved, That the marine committee be directed to carry into execution the reſolution of the 17th, for ſending carpenters to general Schuyler.

A memorial from the mates of the hoſpital was laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee for providing medicines.

Whereas it is indiſpenſibly neceſſary for the good of the ſervice, that the ſoldiers of the United Colonies be well provided with blankets and cloathing; therefore,

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the aſſemblies and conventions of the United Colonies forthwith to cauſe a ſuit of cloaths, of which the waiſtcoat and breeches may be of deer leather, if to be had on reaſonable terms, a blanket, felt hat, two ſhirts, two pair of hoſe and two pair of ſhoes, to be manufactured or otherwiſe procured at reaſonable rates, in their reſpective colonies, for each ſoldier of the American army, inliſted therein for the preſent campaign, and that the ſame be baled, invoiced and ſtored in ſuitable places, to be delivered to the order of Congreſs or the commander in chief of the American army:

That ſufficient ſums of money be granted to the aſſemblies and conventions

conventions aforeſaid, on applying for the ſame, to enable them to diſcharge the demands ariſing from the purchaſe of the articles aforeſaid:

That the commander in chief of the American army be impowered to draw on the aſſemblies and conventions for ſuch articles of cloathing aforeſaid, as he ſhall, from time to time, judge neceſſary, and that the coſt thereof be deducted from the pay of the ſoldiers, who ſhall receive the ſame, by the proper officer for examining and diſcharging the accounts and pay-rolls of the reſpective regiments.

The marine committee, to whom the petition of William Adams, ſurgeon, was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the reſignation of William Adams be accepted.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *June* 20, 1776.

A letter of the 17th from general Waſhington, and a letter from the convention of New-Jerſey, were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That in order to give time to the ſeveral committees, to prepare for the houſe the matters referred to them, it be a ſtanding rule of Congreſs, that adjournments from the Friday evening, be always to Monday morning, unleſs on any particular occaſion, the Congreſs ſhall order otherwiſe.

A petition from Carpenter Wharton was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the board of war and ordinance.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the cartel between brigadier general Arnold and captain Forſter, for exchange of priſoners; and after debate, the farther conſideration thereof was poſtponed till to-morrow.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draw up rules and regulations for the conduct of the houſe, during debates:

The members choſen Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Jefferſon and Mr. Paine.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To captain William Richards, for the detention of his ſhallop twenty days on the public ſervice, the ſum of 40 dollars:

To Robert Erwin, waggon-maſter, for waggonage, the ſum of $207\frac{3}{90}$ dollars:

To David Williamſon, for waggon-hire, carrying captain James Grier's baggage from Fredericburg to New-York, and returning home, the ſum of 147 dollars:

To Abraham Mills, for nurſing and boarding ſix ſoldiers in the ſmall-pox, the ſum of $33\frac{8.6}{90}$ dollars:

To Samuel Cooper, for ferriage and ſtorage, the ſum of $26\frac{1}{90}\frac{2}{0}$ dollars:

To Leonard Stoneburner, for one team hauling the baggage of captain Williams's company 18 miles beyond Goſhen, and two teams hauling the baggage of captain Jones's company to Albany, the ſum of 414 54/90 dollars:

On two certificates produced by H. Wiſner, Eſq; the ſum of 11 45/90 dollars expences of the firſt Pennſylvania battalion at Goſhen and that the ſame ought to be paid to Henry Wiſner, Eſq; and charged to J. Shalles, quarter-maſter of the ſaid battalion:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to conſider, what proviſion ought to be made for ſuch as are wounded or diſabled in the land or ſea ſervice, and report a plan for that purpoſe:

The members choſen, Mr. Paine, Mr. F. Lee, Mr. Hall, Mr. Ellery, and Mr. Lewis.

The matters to this day referred, being poſtponed.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *June* 21, 1776.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be directed to permit brigadier general Wooſter to return to his family in Connecticut.

Reſolved, That the commanding officer of the Delaware battalion, be directed to ſend a proper guard with the powder ordered to colonel Flemming's regiment on the eaſtern ſhore of Virginia.

Reſolved, That an order for 300,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of the delegates of South-Carolina, for the uſe of the continental battalions in that colony, the ſaid delegates to be accountable:

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Rowland Swan, a captain of his Britannic majeſty's 7th regiment of foot, the ſum of 36 dollars, for eighteen weeks allowance, and 12 dollars, for bringing his baggage from New-York to Philadelphia, together with the baggage of captain Dundee and three privates of the ſaid regiment:

To Joſeph Haight, for ſupplying the priſoners at Burlington, with proviſions to the 4th of June inſtant, the ſum of 238 dollars:

To Andrew M'Nair the ſum of 120 23/90 dollars, for proviſions, &c. for the twenty four indians, while at the ſtate-houſe, which was twenty days:

To Michael Clark, for liquor for the above indians, the ſum of 27 66/90 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

A letter of the 21ſt from the convention of New-Jerſey was laid before Congreſs and read, together with ſundry letters from the priſoners in Burlington.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the pay of the commiſſioner to be ſent into Canada, be four dollars a day.

The board of war and ordinance, to whom was referred the caſe of the officers who ſerved laſt winter in Canada, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the convention of New-York be requeſted, to ſet on foot the raiſing another regiment on continental eſtabliſhment, to ſerve for three years or during the war, unleſs ſooner diſcharged by Congreſs and that, in forming the ſaid regiment, they commiſſion ſuch officers as ſerved in the laſt campaign in Canada, and have not been yet provided for:

That the ſaid officers be informed, that the commiſſions to be granted them are on condition, that they raiſe their companies to their full compliment or nearly thereto, and that their commiſſions be withheld, until the ſaid condition be complied with:

That it be recommended to the ſaid convention to make ſuitable proviſion for major Dubois, with whoſe good conduct Congreſs are well ſatisfied, and that they return his name with the names of the other field officers, for the approbation of Congreſs.

That a commiſſion of lieutenant colonel be given to major John Fiſcher, in colonel John Nicholſon's regiment, in the New-York forces.

The Congreſs then reſumed the conſideration of the report from the committee of the whole; whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be directed to order an inquiry to be made, into the conduct of the officers heretofore employed in the Canada department; that the ſaid enquiry be made at ſuch times and places as, in his judgment, ſhall be moſt likely to do juſtice, as well to the public as to the individuals; and that the reſult of the ſaid inquiry, together with the teſtimonies upon the ſubject, be tranſmitted to Congreſs: That moreover all officers accuſed of cowardice, plundering, embezzlement of public monies and other miſdemeanors, be immediately brought to trial: And whereas Congreſs is informed, that an opinion has prevailed, that officers reſigning their commiſſions are not ſubject to trial by a court martial for offences committed previous to ſuch reſignation, whereby ſome have evaded the puniſhments to which they were liable, it is hereby declared that ſuch opinion is not juſt.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed,

Adjourned to nine o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *June* 24, 1776.

Two letters of the 20th and 21ſt from general Waſhington with ſundry papers incloſed, were laid before Congreſs and read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That a letter be written to the general, deſiring him to put a ſtop to the raiſing the companies of Mohickan and Stockbridge

bridge indians mentioned in one of the incloſed papers; and that a like letter be written to governor Trumbull.

A letter of the 21ſt from the convention of New Jerſey was laid before Congreſs and read, together with ſundry papers incloſed therein; containing the queſtions propoſed to William Franklin eſq. an account of his behaviour on the occaſion, and the reſolution of the convention "declaring him a virulent enemy to this country, and a perſon that may prove dangerous, and that the ſaid William Franklin be confined in ſuch place and manner as the Continental Congreſs ſhall direct;" whereupon,

Reſolved, That William Franklin be ſent under guard to governor Trumbull, who is deſired to admit him to his parole; but if Mr. Franklin refuſe to give his parole, that governor Trumbull be deſired to treat him agreeable to the reſolutions of Congreſs, reſpecting priſoners.

Reſolved, That Mr. Meaſe be directed to advance to captain Matthew Smith of the riffle battalion one thouſand and forty dollars, for the purpoſe of recruiting his company; the ſaid captain Smith to be accountable.

Reſolved, That Mr. Meaſe and the committee of claims be directed to forward to the pay maſter general an account of the monies advanced and ordered to be charged to the riffle battalion, or the reſpective riffle companies, in order that the ſame may be deducted and ſtopped from their pay.

The Congreſs being informed that a quantity of tents, which were ſent from Philadelphia for the uſe of the colony of Maſſachuſſetts bay, have been ſtopped at New-York by the order of the quarter maſter general:

Reſolved, That the preſident write to the general on this ſubject, and deſire him to order the ſaid tents to be delivered up, and forwarded to the colony of Maſſachuſſets Bay immediately.

Reſolved, That a committee, to conſiſt of a member from each colony, be appointed to inquire into the cauſes of the miſcarriages in Canada;

That the ſaid committee have power to ſend for perſons and papers:

The members choſen, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Paine, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Paca, Mr. Jefferſon, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Middleton, and Mr. Hall.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Gunning Bedford, the ſum of 202 dollars, of which ſum 103 dollars and *thirty-ninetieths*, for pay and ſubſiſtance for two months, the remainder for a horſe for the continental ſervice:

Ordered, That the ſaid account be paid.

Reſolved, That the report on the cartel for exchange of priſoners entered into between brigadier general Arnold and captain Forſter be recommitted.

Congreſs

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on ſpies; whereupon,

Reſolved, That all perſons abiding within any of the United-Colonies and deriving protection from the laws of the ſame owe allegiance to the ſaid laws, and are members of ſuch colony; and that all perſons paſſing through, viſiting or making a temporary ſtay in any of the ſaid colonies, being entitled to the protection of the laws during the time of ſuch paſſage, viſitation or temporary ſtay, owe during the ſame allegiance thereto:

That all perſons members of, or owing allegiance to any of the United Colonies, as before deſcribed, who ſhall levy war againſt any of the ſaid colonies within the ſame, or be adherent to the king of Great Britain, or other enemies of the ſaid Colonies or any of them within the ſame giving to him or them aid and comfort, are guilty of treaſon againſt ſuch colony:

That it be recommended to the legiſlatures of the ſeveral United Colonies to paſs laws for puniſhing, in ſuch manner as to them ſhall ſeem fit, ſuch perſons before deſcribed, as ſhall be proveably attainted of open deed by people of their condition of any of the treaſons before deſcribed.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the ſeveral legiſlatures of the United Colonies to paſs laws for puniſhing, in ſuch manner as they ſhall think fit, perſons who ſhall counterfeit, or aid or abet in counterfeiting, the continental bills of credit, or who ſhall paſs any ſuch bill in payment knowing the ſame to be counterfeit.

Reſolved, That the remainder of the ſaid report be recommitted.

A petition from Antoine Felix Wiebert was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That the ſame together with the papers accompanying it be referred to the board of war and ordinance.

The board of war and ordinance, to whom was referred a petition from Carpenter Wharton, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table; and that the preſident write to gen. Waſhington and requeſt him to inform Congreſs of the coſt of a ration as furniſhed by the commiſſary general.

The matters to this day referred being poſtponed:

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow.

TUESDAY, *June* 25. 1776.

A letter of the 23d from general Waſhington with ſundry letters from major general Schuyler, brigadier general Sullivan, brigadier general Arnold, and others, were laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to the board of war and ordinance, who are directed to ſit immediately, and report thereon as ſoon as poſſible.

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A memorial from captain Stephen Rowe Bradley was preſented to Congreſs and read, together with ſundry accounts:

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to the committee on the treaſury.

The marine committee having recommended captain Samuel Nichols to be promoted to be major of marines; Andrew Porter, Joſeph Hardey Samuel Shaw, Benjamin Deane, and Robert Mullen, to be captains of marines; Daniel Henderſon, David Love, Franklin Reed, and Peregrine Brown to be firſt lieutenants of marines; James M'Clure, William Gilmore, Abel Morgan, and Hugh Montgomery to be ſecond lieutenants of marines; John Stewart to be captain, Thomas Pownal firſt lieutenant, and Richard Harriſon ſecond lieutenant of marines for the frigate building in Maryland:

John Langdon, Eſq; to be agent of prizes for the colony of New-Hampſhire:

Reſolved, That they be approved, and that commiſſions be granted to them accordingly.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſell to John Maxwell Neſbit and company, 125 lb. of powder, for the uſe of the privateer they are fitting out.

Reſolved, That the committee appointed to contract for making muſkets, be directed to conſider the propriety of granting a bounty or other means for encouraging the making of muſkets.

Adjourned to four o'clock.

Eodem Die, P. M.

A declaration of the deputies of Pennſylvania, met in provincial conference, was laid before Congreſs and read; expreſſing their willingneſs to concur in a vote of Congreſs, declaring the United Colonies Free and Independant States.

The board of war and ordinance, to whom the ſeveral letters received this morning were referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the number of men deſtined for the northern department, be augmented to four thouſand:

That a colonel's commiſſion be immediately iſſued to major Dubois, with inſtructions forthwith to raiſe a regiment to ſerve for three years or during the war, and that the corps of officers be compoſed of ſuch as have ſerved with credit in Canada; no officer to receive his commiſſion until his company be raiſed and armed; the arms of the people inliſting themſelves to be valued by the committees of the counties, where the companies are raiſed, and paid for by the continent, on their being muſtered:

That it be earneſtly recommended to the colony of New-Hampſhire, to ſend immediately one regiment of their militia to Maſſachuſetts Bay; two regiments of their militia to Connecticut; one

one regiment of their militia, to augment the troops deſtined for the northern department:

That letters be ſent to the general aſſemblies of the colonies, from whence the ſeveral regiments of militia are and have been requeſted, earneſtly preſſing them to be expeditious in raiſing and equipping their troops, and requeſting the ſeveral aſſemblies to take upon themſelves the care of providing the ſaid troops with cloaths, tents and all neceſſary camp equipage, and aſſuring them that the United Colonies will be anſwerable for the expence of the ſame:

That a regimental paymaſter, who is not to be an officer of the army, be appointed by the ſaid colonies to each of the ſaid battalions, who ſhall keep all the accounts of his reſpective battalion, and to whom particular returns ſhall be made of the expence of cloathing the ſaid battalion; in order that the ſame may be deducted out of the pay of the ſoldiers, for whom the articles ſhall have been provided.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed,

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *June* 26, 1776.

A letter of the 21ſt from general Waſhington, and one of the 26th from brigadier general Wooſter, were laid before Congreſs and read:

Ordered, That the letter from brigadier general Wooſter be referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the cauſes of the miſcarriages in Canada.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That Monſ. Antoine Felix Wiebert, who applies to be employed as an engineer in the continental army, be recommended to general Waſhington as a perſon who appears to be qualified to act in that capacity; but as he aſks no more at preſent than to be placed in a ſituation, in which he may be enabled to evidence his abilities, that the general be deſired to employ him in ſuch way, as he ſhall judge will beſt conduce to the good of the ſervice, and anſwer Monſ. Wiebert's requeſt.

Reſolved, That the following gentlemen be appointed officers of the battalion to be raiſed under colonel Lewis Dubois; their commiſſions to be given them as ſoon as their compliment of men ſhall be raiſed:

Jacobus S. Bruyn, lieutenant-colonel; William Goforth, major; David Dubois, Elias Van Banſcholen, Thomas de Witt, Iſaac Wool, Philip D. B. Bevier, Richard Platt, Albert Pawling, and Cornelius T. Janſin, captains; James Gregg, Aaron Auſtin, Jonathan Piercy, Evans Wherry, Garret Van Wagenan, Henry Vandenburgh, Nathaniel Conklin, and Henry Dodge, firſt lieutenants; Daniel

Daniel Glans, second lieutenant in the first company; John Coates, surgeon; and Henry Dubois, adjutant.

Resolved, That the president write to the convention of New-York, and explain to them the reasons that induced the Congress to enter into the foregoing resolution; and to request the convention to appoint the other officers of the battalion, and to use their best endeavours in equipping and forwarding the said battalion as soon as possible.

Resolved, That the marine committee be impowered to purchase the armed brig Catharine, with her guns, tackle, apparel and furniture, as she now lies in Connecticut.

The committee of claims reported that there is due,

To Dr. Bond, the sum of 9 dollars and thirty-ninetieths, for medicines and attendance for three indians:

To Benjamin Armitage, for boarding and lodging Thomas Folmer, the indian interpreter, twenty days, the sum of 12 dollars and twenty-five-ninetieths:

To Richard Cheny, the sum of 4 dollars and eighty-two-ninetieths for victualling general Lee's guard, and that the same ought to be paid to John Morton, Esq;

To Anthony Welte, for provisions supplied captain Nelson's company, the sum of 18 dollars and eighteen-ninetieths:

To Aaron Phips, the sum of 7 dollars and forty-four-ninetieths for sundry expences of general Lee's guard:

To John Osborne, the sum of 8 dollars; namely, 6 dollars for boarding and lodging a sick soldier, and two dollars for a coffin for one of captain Vanzant's men:

To George Howes, for waggon-hire, &c. carrying money to Cambridge at the time Mr. Franks went, the sum of 70 dollars and forty-ninetieths:

To Messrs. Hanson, Donaldson, and Franks, for carrying money to the camp in March last, the sum of 238 dollars and twenty-eight-ninetieths:

To Isaac Sorrel, the sum of 26 dollars and eighty-five-ninetieths; of which 10 dollars and sixty-nine-ninetieths were for the expences of the prisoners that were brought from North-Carolina and the guard, the remainder for the expences of the guard that went with the powder, &c. to colonel Miles at Marcus-hook:

To Henry Haller, the sum of 645 dollars and forty-six-ninetieths; of which sum captain John Nelson is to be charged for two rifles, 24 dollars; the remainder, viz. expences of captain John Nelson's company at Reading, 12 dollars and eighty-nine-ninetieths; expences of prisoners from St. John's and Chamblee to 8th June, 538 dollars and forty seven-ninetieths Mr. Holler's pay as commissary, from 30th March to 7th June, 70 days, at 7/6, 70 dollars:

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

Resolved,

Resolved, That a bounty of ten dollars be given to every non-commissioned officer and soldier, who will inlist to serve for the term of three years.

Ordered, That the resolutions passed yesterday be sent to general Washington, and that he be desired to afford such assistance to the northern or Canada department, as he shall be enabled to do consistently with the safety of New-York; and from time to time to give such directions as he may think expedient for the public service.

A paragraph of a letter from general Washington to one of the members being laid before Congress and read:

Resolved, That it be referred to the board of war and ordinance.

Resolved, That the secret committee be directed to supply the marine committee with one ton of powder, for the use of the vessel which they were this morning impowered to purchase.

Resolved, That Michael Hillegas, Esq; be empowered and directed to pay such sums of money as are or may be due to the several signers of continental bills of credit for their services, agreeable to the resolve of Congress for that purpose.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of William Whiting, a soldier who was wounded in the continental army at Quebec, brought in their report, which was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That the sum of twenty dollars be paid out of the public treasury to William Whiting, to enable him to return to his family at Norfolk in Connecticut.

The committee on the treasury, to whom were referred the petition and accounts of Stephen Row Bradly, brought in their report; whereupon,

Resolved, That there be paid to Stephen Row Bradly the sum of 691 dollars and twenty-two-ninetieths of a dollar, for the service of himself and his company, from the 25th day of January to the 25th day of February, during which time they were employed in the service of the continent.

The matters to this day referred being postponed:

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *June* 27. 1776.

A letter of the 17th from governor Trumbull was laid before Congress and read; also,

Two petitions; one from colonel John Brown, the other from William Holton, were presented and read:

Resolved, That the petition from col. Brown be referred to the committee appointed to enquire into the causes of the miscarriages in Canada:

That the petition from William Holton be referred to the board of war and ordinance.

Reſolved, That an order for 24 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of major Bicker; he to be accountable.

Sundry letters from the ſouthward, being received by expreſs, were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

One from general Lee, dated Little River, June 6; encloſing two to him, one from John Rutledge, Eſq; the other from brigadier general Armſtrong; both dated Charleſtown, South Carolina, June 4th, adviſing, that 51 ſail of the enemy were arrived there, and lying in ſight of the town:

One from brigadier general Lewis, dated Williamſburg, the 18th of the ſame month, encloſing one to him from general Lee, of the 4th:

Reſolved, That the ſaid letters be referred to the board of war and ordinance:

The Congreſs then took into conſideration the letter from governor Trumbull; and after ſome debate,

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration thereof be poſtponed, and in the mean while, that governor Trumbull be deſired to ſend to Congreſs an account of the cannon left at New-London by commodore Hopkins, their number, ſize, bore and weight, and alſo an account of the other cannon there.

A letter from the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the ſouthern department, with ſundry papers incloſed, was laid before Congreſs and read.

The board of war and ordinance, to whom the paragraph of a letter from the general, was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That ſix companies of riffle men, in addition to the three companies now at New-York, be raiſed and the whole regimented; and that a commiſſion be granted to captain Stevenſon, to be colonel of the ſaid regiment of riffle men, which is to be inliſted for three years, unleſs ſooner diſcharged by Congreſs; the men to be allowed a bounty of ten dollars; and that Moſes Rawlins be lieutenant colonel, and Otho Holland Williams, Major of the ſaid regiment:

That four companies of riffle men, for the ſaid regiment, be raiſed in Virginia and two in Maryland; the pay of the men to commence from the time they ſhall be armed and muſtered; their arms to be appraiſed by the committee of the county, and paid for by the United Colonies:

That general Waſhington be directed forthwith to ſend to Congreſs a compleat liſt of all the vacancies in the army, and the names of ſuch officers as he can recommend for filling them.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To Robert Erwin, waggon-maſter, the ſum of 241 dollars and fifty-one-ninetieth of a dollar, a balance due for three teams, that went to North Carolina with powder:

To

To Doctor Frederic Phyle, for medicines and attendance on the 5th Pennſylvania battalion, from the time of their embodying to the 13th of June 1776, the ſum of 532 dollars & fifty-one-ninetieth.

To John Bales, for camp'kettles, the ſum of 68 dollars:

To Elizabeth Slaydon, the ſum of 24 dollars, for nurſing and boarding two ſoldiers, of which ſum capt. Steward is to be charged with 13 dollars and thirty-ſixtieth, for nurſing and boarding the man he wounded in the ſtate-houſe yard; the remainder to the continent; the ſaid 24 dollars to be paid to colonel T. Matlack:

To Rachel Hewen, the ſum of 5 dollars and thirty-ninetieth, for nurſing and boarding two ſoldiers of the continental army:

That there be repaid to Robert Moore the ſum of ſeven dollars, which was ſtopped out of his pay by captain M. Smith; the ſame having been by him expended for proviſions, when he was left ſick by his company in Canada:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That the pay of doctor Huſton, who was appointed ſurgeon to the fifth Pennſylvania battalion, be ſtopped 'till farther orders of Congreſs, and that the paymaſter be notified thereof.

The committee, to whom it was referred to deviſe a mode of raiſing the German battalion voted on the 25th of May laſt, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That four companies of Germans be raiſed in Pennſylvania, and four companies in Maryland, to compoſe the ſaid regiment:

That it be recommended to the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, immediately to appoint proper officers for and direct the inliſtment of the four companies to be raiſed in that colony:

That it be recommended to the convention, or, in their receſs, to the council of ſafety of Maryland, immediately to appoint proper officers for and direct the inliſtment of the four companies to be raiſed in that colony:

That the ſaid companies be inliſted to ſerve for three years, unleſs ſooner diſcharged by Congreſs, and receive bounty, pay, rations and all other allowances equal to any of the continental troops:

That the ſaid companies be intitled to pay and ſubſiſtance from the time of inliſtment:

That the ſaid companies, when raiſed, be formed into a battalion, under the command of ſuch field officers as Congreſs ſhall appoint:

That the rank of the captains of the ſaid companies be regulated as Congreſs ſhall hereafter direct:

That 5000 dollars be ſent to the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, and 5000 dollars to the convention, or, in their receſs, to the council of ſafety of Maryland, to defray the expence of raiſing the ſaid companies.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the convention, or, in their

their receſs, to the council of ſafety of Maryland, to appoint the officers, and forward, with all poſſible expedition, the raiſing the two companies of riffle men.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed,

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *June* 28, 1776.

The committee of claims, to whom were referred the petition and accounts of Thomas Thomſon, reported,

That there ought to be paid to Thomas Thomſon the ſum of 750 dollars, in part of an account for lumber ſaid to have been delivered by Simon Metcalf to the forces belonging to the continent, at St John's in Canada;

The ſaid committee farther reported, that there is due,

To Thomas Mayberry, the ſum of 117 dollars and twenty-nine-ninetieths, for plated iron:

Ordered, That the ſaid ſums be paid.

A petition from colonel James Eaſton was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the cauſes of the miſcarriages in Canada.

A petition from William Poole was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee for making proviſion for wounded and diſabled ſoldiers.

Francis Hopkinſon, Eſq; one of the delegates of New-Jerſey attended, and produced the credentials of their appointment, which was read as follows: viz.

"In Provincial Congreſs, New-Jerſey, Burlington, June 21, 1776.

The Congreſs proceeded to the election of delegates to repreſent this colony in Continental Congreſs, when Richard Stockton, Abraham Clark, John Hart, and Francis Hopkinſon, Eſqrs; and Dr. John Witherſpoon, were elected by ballot to ſerve for one year, unleſs a new appointment be made before that time. Reſolved, That the following inſtructions be given to the delegates as aforeſaid. The Congreſs impower and direct you in the name of this colony, to join with the delegates of the other colonies in continental Congreſs, in the moſt vigorous meaſures for ſupporting the juſt rights and liberties of America, and if you ſhall judge it neceſſary or expedient for this purpoſe, we impower you to join with them in declaring the United Colonies independant of Great-Britain, entering into a confederation for union and common defence, making treaties with foreign nations for commerce and aſſiſtance, and to take ſuch other meaſures as may appear to them and you neceſſary for theſe great ends, promiſing to ſupport them with the

the whole force of this province, always obſerving that whatever plan of confederacy you enter into, the regulating the internal police of this province is to be reſerved to the colony legiſlature. By order of Congreſs, SAMUEL TUCKER, PRESIDENT.
Extract from the minutes, WM. PATTERSON, Secretary."

The board of war brought in a report which was read, in theſe words:

"Monſr. Le chevalier de Kirmovan, having produced to the board indubitable credentials of his good character and ſuperior abilities in the art of war, and particularly as an engineer, the board reſolved to recommend him to Congreſs as a perſon, who can be much confided in; and it is the opinion of the board, that the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania be requeſted to employ him in planning and laying out the fortifications agreed by Congreſs, to be erected at Billingſport, on the river Delaware."

The ſaid report being again read,

Reſolved, That the ſame be agreed to.

Reſolved, That Mr. Hopkinſon be added to the committee for preparing a plan of confederation.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſell the committee of Salem county in New-Jerſey, 300 lb. of powder.

The committee appointed to prepare a declaration &c. brought in a draught, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Chriſtopher Champlain was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members choſen, Mr. Morris, Mr. Alſop, and Mr. Gerry.

Reſolved, That Mr. Wiſner, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Floyd be a committee to confer with Anthony Moſengeil, on the ſubject of manufacturing ſulphur:

That 30 dollars be advanced to the ſaid committee, they to be accountable.

Reſolved, That the treaſurers be impowered to advance to the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania 100,000 dollars, the colony of Pennſylvania to be accountable.

Reſolved, That the committee for ſuperintending the treaſury be directed to nominate and appoint ſix perſons to ſign and number the million of dollars ordered to be ſtruck in ſmall change.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed.

Adjourned to nine o'clock on Monday next.

MONDAY, *July* 1. 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

Three from general Waſhington, of 27th and 28th of June, with ſundry letters and papers encloſed:

One from the convention of New-Jerſey, of the 29th:

One

One from the convention of New-Hampſhire, of the 17th;
One from brigadier general Lewis, of the 17th;
One from Benjamin Harriſon, jun.

Reſolved, That an order for 6000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of Richard Graham of Virginia, in full of a draught in his favour of the 20th June, by brigadier gen. Lewis; and that the ſame be charged to the account of Benjamin Harriſon, deputy pay-maſter general for Virginia.

A reſolution of the convention of Maryland, paſſed the 28th of June, was laid before Congreſs and read, as follows: "That the inſtructions given to their deputies in December laſt, be recalled, and the reſtrictions therein contained, removed; and that the deputies of ſaid colony, or any three or more of them, be authoriſed and impowered to concur with the other United Colonies, or a majority of them, in declaring the United Colonies free and independant ſtates; in forming ſuch further compact and confederation between them; in making foreign alliances, and in adopting ſuch other meaſures as ſhall be adjudged neceſſary for ſecuring the liberties of America; and that ſaid colony will hold itſelf bound by the reſolutions of the majority of the United Colonies in the premiſes; provided the ſole and excluſive right of regulating the internal government and police of that colony be reſerved to the people thereof."

The order of the day being read:

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole to take into conſideration the reſolution reſpecting independancy:

That the declaration be referred to ſaid committee.

The Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole. After ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, & Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee had come to a reſolution which they deſired him to report, and to move for leave to ſit again.

The reſolution agreed to by the committee of the whole being read, the determination thereof, was at the requeſt of a colony poſtponed till to morrow.

Reſolved, That a brigadier general acting in a ſeparate department be allowed an Aid de Camp.

A letter of the 29th from general Waſhington was laid before Congreſs, and read.

Reſolved, That the letters this day received be referred to the board of war.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole to take into conſideration the declaration reſpecting independance.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow.

TUESDAY, *July* 2d. 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congreſs and read:

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One from general Washington of the 30th of June, enclosing sundry papers, among which a copy of a letter from lieutenant colonel Campbell to general Howe:

One from the council of Massachusetts Bay of the 26th:

One from governor Trumbull of the 20th of the same month, and one from the paymaster general, with a weekly account:

Ordered, That the last be delivered to the board of treasury:

That the letter from lieutenant colonel Campbell to general Howe, be published:

That the other letters be referred to the board of war.

The Congress resumed the consideration of the resolution reported from the committee of the whole, which was agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, Free and Independant States; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connection between them, and the state of Great-Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole; and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Harrison reported, that the committee have had under consideration the declaration to them referred, but not having had time to go through the same, desired him to move for leave to sit again:

Resolved, That this Congress will to-morrow again resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther consideration the declaration respecting Independance.

Congress being informed, that, in obedience to their order, capt. Whipple and capt. Saltonstall were arrived in Philadelphia;

Resolved, That the marine committee enquire into the complaints exhibited against them, and report thereon to Congress.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *July* 3, 1776.

A letter from the convention of New-Jersey of the 2d, and a letter from the commissioners for indian affairs in the southern department, dated Augusta, May 21, together with an account of their expences, and the minutes of their conference with the indians in that department, were laid before Congress and read:

Resolved, That the account of the commissioners be referred to the committee on the treasury.

Congress took into consideration the letter from the convention of New-Jersey; whereupon,

Resolved, That the committee of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to send as many of the troops of their colony, as they can spare, to Monmouth county in New-Jersey, to the assistance of the inhabitants of that colony, and to be subject to the orders of the commander

commander in chief; the ſaid troops to be allowed the ſame pay and rations as the troops in the ſervice of the continent, from the time of their march until their return:

That a circular letter be written to the committees of inſpection, of the ſeveral counties in Pennſylvania, where troops are raiſed or raiſing to form the flying camp, requeſting them to ſend the troops by battalions, or detachments of battalions or companies, as faſt as raiſed to the city of Philadelphia, except thoſe raiſed in the counties of Bucks, Berks, and Northampton, which are to be directed to march as aforeſaid, to New-Brunſwick in New-Jerſey:

That a copy of the foregoing reſolutions be ſent to general Waſhington, and that he be deſired to appoint a proper officer to command the flying camp, and alſo direct proper perſons to ſupply the men with rations.

Reſolved, That the marine committee be impowered to contract with ſhipwrights to go to lake Champlain on the following terms:

To allow each man 34 dollars and two-thirds per month; one months pay to be advanced on their giving ſecurity if required:

Each man to be allowed a ration and a half, and one half pint of rum per day:

Their tools and arms to be valued:

Two thirds of their wages to be paid monthly, to whomſoever they ſhall leave the power of receiving it:

Their pay to commence from the day they ſign articles, and continue, untill they are diſcharged with an allowance of one day's pay for every twenty miles, between the place where they are diſcharged, and their reſpective homes.

Reſolved, That Dr. Franklin and Mr. Wilſon, two of the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department, be authoriſed to diſcharge the bills drawn by Mr. Morgan on the commiſſioners of that department.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration, the declaration, and after ſometime the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee not having yet gone through it, deſired leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to morrow again reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration, the declaration of independance.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *July* 4, 1776.

Reſolved, That application be made to the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania for a ſupply of flints for the troops at New-York: and that Delaware government and Maryland, be requeſted to embody their militia for the flying camp with all poſſible expedition, and to march them without delay to the city of Philadelphia.

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Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congreſs reſolved itſelf, into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the declaration, and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported that the committee have agreed to a declaration which they deſired him to report.

The declaration being read, was agreed to, as follows;

A DECLARATION by the Repreſentatives of the UNITED STATES of AMERICA in Congreſs aſſembled.

WHEN, in the courſe of human events, it becomes neceſſary for one people to diſſolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to aſſume, among the powers of the Earth, the ſeparate and equal ſtation to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent reſpect to the opinions of mankind requires that they ſhould declare the cauſes which impel them to the ſeparation.

We hold theſe truths to be ſelf-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable rights; that among theſe are life, liberty, and the purſuit of happineſs.---That to ſecure theſe rights, governments are inſtituted among men, deriving their juſt powers from the conſent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes deſtructive of theſe ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to aboliſh it, and to inſtitute new government, laying its foundation on ſuch principles, and organizing its powers in ſuch form, as to them ſhall ſeem moſt likely to effect their ſafety and happineſs. Prudence, indeed, will dictate, that governments long eſtabliſhed, ſhould not be changed for light and tranſient cauſes; and accordingly all experience hath ſhewn, that mankind are more diſpoſed to ſuffer, while evils are ſufferable, than to right themſelves by aboliſhing the forms to which they are accuſtomed. But when a long train of abuſes and uſurpations, purſuing invariably the ſame object, evinces a deſign to reduce them under abſolute deſpotiſm, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off ſuch government, and to provide new guards for their future ſecurity. Such

has been the patient ſufferance of theſe colonies; and ſuch is now the neceſſity which conſtrains them to alter their former ſyſtems of government. The hiſtory of the preſent king of Great-Britain is a hiſtory of repeated injuries and uſurpations, all having in direct object the eſtabliſhment of an abſolute tyranny over theſe ſtates. To prove this, let facts be ſubmitted to a candid world.

He has refuſed his aſſent to laws the moſt wholeſome and neceſſary for the public good.

He has forbidden his governors to paſs laws of immediate and preſſing importance, unleſs ſuſpended in their operation till his aſſent ſhould be obtained; and when ſo ſuſpended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refuſed to paſs other laws for the accommodation of large diſtricts of people, unleſs thoſe people would relinquiſh the right of repreſentation in the legiſlature; a right ineſtimable to them, and formidable to tyrants only.

He has called together legiſlative bodies at places unuſual, uncomfortable, and diſtant from the depoſitory of their public records, for the ſole purpoſe of fatiguing them into compliance with his meaſures.

He has diſſolved repreſentative houſes repeatedly, for oppoſing, with manly firmneſs, his invaſions on the rights of the people.

He has refuſed for a long time, after ſuch diſſolutions, to cauſe others to be elected; whereby the legiſlative powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at large for their exerciſe; the ſtate remaining, in the mean time, expoſed to all the dangers of invaſion from without, and convulſions within.

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of theſe ſtates; for that purpoſe obſtructing the laws for naturalization of foreigners; refuſing to paſs others to encourage their migrations hither, and raiſing the conditions of new appropriations of lands.

He has obſtructed the adminiſtration of juſtice, by refuſing his aſſent to laws for eſtabliſhing judiciary powers.

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He has made judges dependent on his will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their ſalaries.

He has erected a multitude of new offices, and ſent hither ſwarms of officers to harraſs our people, and eat out their ſubſtance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, ſtanding armies, without the conſent of our legiſlatures.

He has affected to render the military independent of, and ſuperior to the civil power.

He has combined with others to ſubject us to a juriſdiction foreign to our conſtitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his aſſent to their acts of pretended legiſlation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock trial, from puniſhment for any murders which they ſhould commit on the inhabitants of theſe ſtates:

For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world:

For impoſing taxes on us without our conſent:

For depriving us, in many caſes, of the benefits of trial by jury:

For tranſporting us beyond ſeas to be tried for pretended offences:

For aboliſhing the free ſyſtem of Engliſh laws in a neighbouring province, eſtabliſhing therein an arbitrary government, and enlarging its boundaries, ſo as to render it at once an example and fit inſtrument for introducing the ſame abſolute rule into theſe colonies:

For taking away our charters, aboliſhing our moſt valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our governments:

For ſuſpending our own legiſlatures, and declaring themſelves inveſted with power to legiſlate for us in all caſes whatſoever.

He has abdicated government here, by declaring us out of his protection, and waging War againſt us.

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He has plundered our ſeas, ravaged our coaſts, burnt our towns, and deſtroyed the lives of our people.

He is, at this time, tranſporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, deſolation, and tyranny, already begun with circumſtances of cruelty and perfidy, ſcarcely paralleled in the moſt barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

He has conſtrained our fellow-citizens, taken captive on the high ſeas, to bear arms againſt their country, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themſelves by their hands.

He has excited domeſtic inſurrections amongſt us, and has endeavoured to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers the mercileſs indian ſavages, whoſe known rule of warfare is an undiſtinguiſhed deſtruction, of all ages, ſexes, and conditions.

In every ſtage of theſe oppreſſions we have petitioned for redreſs in the moſt humble terms: Our repeated petitions have been anſwered only by repeated injury. A prince, whoſe character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people.

Nor have we been wanting in attentions to our Britiſh brethren. We have warned them, from time to time, of attempts by their legiſlature to extend an unwarrantable juriſdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumſtances of our emigration and ſettlement here. We have appealed to their native juſtice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to diſavow theſe uſurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connexions and correſpondence. They too have been deaf to the voice of juſtice and of conſanguinity. We muſt, therefore, acquieſce in the neceſſity, which denounces our ſeparation, and hold them, as we hold the reſt of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.

We, therefore, the repreſentatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in GENERAL CONGRESS aſſembled, appealing to the ſupreme judge

judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name, and by authority of the good people of these colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES; that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British crown, and that all political connexion between them and the state of Great-Britain, is, and ought to be, totally dissolved; and that as FREE AND INDEPENDENT STATES, they have full power to levy war, conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which INDEPENDENT STATES may of right do. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of DIVINE PROVIDENCE, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honour.

The foregoing declaration was by order of Congress engrossed and signed by the following members:

JOHN HANCOCK.

NEW-HAMPSHIRE,	*Josiah Bartlett,* *William Whipple,* *Matthew Thornton.*
MASSACHUSETTS-BAY.	*Samuel Adams,* *John Adams,* *Robert Treat Paine,* *Elbridge Gerry.*
RHODE-ISLAND, *&c.*	*Stephen Hopkins,* *William Ellery.*
CONNECTICUT.	*Roger Sherman,* *Samuel Huntington,* *William Williams,* *Oliver Wolcott.*
NEW-YORK.	*William Floyd,* *Philip Livingston,* *Francis Lewis,* *Lewis Morris.*

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NEW-JERSEY.	*Richard Stockton,* *John Witherſpoon,* *Francis Hopkinſon,* *John Hart,* *Abraham Clark.*
PENNSYLVANIA.	*Robert Morris,* *Benjamin Ruſh,* *Benjamin Franklin,* *John Morton,* *George Clymer,* *James Smith,* *George Taylor,* *James Wilſon,* *George Roſs.*
DELAWARE.	*Cæſar Rodney,* *George Read.*
MARYLAND.	*Samuel Chaſe,* *William Paca,* *Thomas Stone,* *Charles Carroll, of Carrollton.*
VIRGINIA.	*George Wythe,* *Richard Henry Lee,* *Thomas Jefferſon,* *Benjamin Harriſon,* *Thomas Nelſon, jun.* *Francis Lightfoot Lee,* *Carter Braxton.*
NORTH-CAROLINA.	*William Hooper,* *Joſeph Hewes,* *John Penn.*
SOUTH-CAROLINA.	*Edward Rutledge,* *Thomas Heyward, jun.* *Thomas Lynch, jun.* *Arthur Middleton.*
GEORGIA.	*Button Gwinnett,* *Lyman Hall,* *George Walton.*

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That copies of the declaration be ſent to the ſeveral aſſemblies, conventions and committees, or councils of ſafety, and to the ſeveral commanding officers of the continental troops; that it be proclaimed in each of the United States, and at the head of the army.

Ordered, That Mr. Morris and Mr. Hewes determine the hire of Mr. Walker's veſſel, which was employed by commodore Hopkins in the ſervice of the continent.

A letter of the 3d from general Waſhington was laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That the delegates of New-York, New-Jerſey and Pennſylvania, be a committee to confer with the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, and the committee of inſpection and obſervation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and the field officers of the battalions of the ſaid city and liberties, on the beſt means of defending the colonies of New-Jerſey and Pennſylvania; and that they be impowered to ſend expreſſes, where neceſſary:

That the ſecret committee be inſtructed to order the flints belonging to the continent, and now at Rhode-Iſland, to be ſent to the general at New-York.

Reſolved, That Mr. Wiſner be impowered to ſend a man, at the public expence, to Orange county, for a ſample of flint-ſtone.

The Congreſs proceeded to the appointment of two commiſſioners for indian affairs, in the middle department; and the ballots being taken,

Jaſper Yates and John Montgomery, Eſqrs. were elected.

Ordered, That Doctor Franklin and Mr. Wilſon inform the above named gentlemen of their appointment, and deſire them to attend the treaty with the indians at Pittſburg, on the day appointed; and alſo to appoint ſome perſons to procure goods neceſſary for the indians.

Reſolved, That to-morrow be aſſigned for filling up the vacancies in the committee for indian affairs.

Reſolved, That the preſident be impowered to employ another private ſecretary.

Reſolved, That the board of war be impowered to employ ſuch a number of perſons, as they ſhall find neceſſary, to manufacture flints for the continent; and for this purpoſe to apply to the reſpective aſſemblies, conventions and councils, or committees of ſafety of the United American States, or committees of inſpection of the counties and towns thereunto belonging, for the names and places of abode of perſons ſkilled in the manufactory aforeſaid, and of the places, in their reſpective ſtates, where the beſt flint-ſtones are to be obtained, with ſamples of the ſame.

Reſolved, That an order for 3 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths, be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of the expreſs, who brought the diſpatches from Trenton.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That Dr. Franklin, Mr. J. Adams and Mr. Jefferſon, be a committee to prepare a deviće for a ſeal for the United States of America.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſell 25 lb. of powder to John Garriſon of North-Carolina.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *July* 5, 1776.

A letter from captain Crawford, a priſoner, of the 26th regiment, was read, requeſting leave to viſit the priſoners in the ſeveral places, where they are confined:

Reſolved, That, in the preſent ſituation of affairs, ſuch leave be not granted.

The committee on ways and means brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The account and vouchers of Mr. Price being laid on the table;

Reſolved, That they be referred for adjuſtment to the board of treaſury.

The board of war brought in a report; whereupon,

Reſolved, That a regiment be raiſed out of the officers who ſerved in Canada, on the ſame terms on which the regiment, to be commanded by colonel Dubois, is to be raiſed; and that the following perſons be appointed officers of the ſaid regiment:

Seth Warner, colonel:

Samuel Safford, lieutenant colonel:

Eliſha Painter, major:

Wait Hopkins, John Grant, Gideon Brownſon, Abiather Angel, Simeon Smith, Joſhua Stanton, Seely, Jacob Vorſborough, captains; John Allen, Fuſſet, Walbridge, Deane, James Gold, Sill, Ebenezer Hide, Gamaliel Painter, firſt lieutenants;

Ebenezer Beaumont, adjutant.

Reſolved, That the preſident write to governor Cooke, requeſting him to order fifty ſhip-carpenters to be engaged on the beſt terms, at the expence of the continent, and ſent to general Schuyler at Albany, as ſoon as poſſible, in order to build veſſels for the defence of the lakes.

The committee of Congreſs appointed to confer with the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, the committee of inſpection and obſervation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia, and the field officers of the five battalions of the ſaid city, reported, that they have had a meeting with the committees and officers aforeſaid, and have agreed to the following reſolutions, viz.

That all the aſſociated militia of Pennſylvania, (excepting the counties of Weſtmoreland, Bedford and Northumberland) who

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can be furniſhed with arms and accoutrements, be forthwith requeſted to march, with the utmoſt expedition, to Trenton, (except the militia of Northampton county, who are to march directly for New-Brunſwick) in New-Jerſey; and that the ſaid militia continue in ſervice, until the flying camp of ten thouſand men can be collected to relieve them, unleſs they ſhall be ſooner diſcharged by Congreſs:

That the militia march by companies to the place of rendezvous:

That the ſaid militia be taken into the continental pay, and receive the ſame pay, allowances and rations, as the continental troops, from the time they begin their march, until they return to their reſpective homes:

That thoſe of the three battalions of the Pennſylvania troops, now remaining in the province, be ordered to march immediately for New-Brunſwick in New-Jerſey:

That the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania provide as many tents, as they can, for ſaid militia:

That the committees of inſpection and obſervation, in the ſeveral counties, furniſh a good kettle to every ſix men, and give all the aſſiſtance in their power, that the ſaid militia be well armed and equipped, and march with the greateſt expedition:

That the committees of inſpection, for the ſeveral counties of Pennſylvania, be deſired to order ſuch troops, as they may raiſe for the flying camp, to be marched to Trenton; the reſolve of Congreſs paſſed yeſterday notwithſtanding; whereupon,

Reſolved, That this Congreſs highly approve the foregoing reſolutions, and recommend it to the good people of Pennſylvania, to carry the ſame into execution with the ſame laudable readineſs, which they have hitherto manifeſted in ſupporting the injured rights of their country.

Reſolved, That colonel Hazlet, of the battalion in Delaware government, be ordered to ſtation one company at Lewis-town, and to march the remaining ſeven to Wilmington, and there remain until farther orders of this Congreſs.

Reſolved, That the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the ſouthern department, while on actual ſervice, receive four dollars a day.

The committee on the treaſury reported, that there is due,

To John Walker, Eſq; one of the commiſſioners of indian affairs in the ſouthern department, the ſum of 869 dollars and ſixty-ſeven ninetieths, for ſeveral horſes, a waggon and geers, and expences in travelling 2500 miles:

Ordered, That the ſaid account be paid.

The committee appointed to conſider the ſtate of Georgia, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That, for the defence of Georgia, there be an addition of two battalions, (one of them to conſiſt of riffle men) to be

raiſed on the ſame terms on which other continental battalions are now ordered to be raiſed:

That blank commiſſions for the field officers be ſent to the convention of Georgia, to be filled up with the names of ſuch perſons, as the ſaid convention ſhall judge proper:

That it be recommended to the aſſemblies, conventions or councils of ſafety of Virginia, North and South-Carolina, to permit the raiſing troops, for the purpoſe aforeſaid, within their reſpective ſtates; and if requeſted, to afford their advice and aſſiſtance, with regard to ſuitable perſons for captains and ſubalterns, and that blank commiſſions be delivered to the delegates:

That four gallies be built at the expence of the United States, under the direction of the convention of Georgia, for the farther defence of the ſaid ſtate:

And whereas, the delegates of Georgia have repreſented the neceſſity of erecting two forts, one at Savannah and the other at Sunbury;

Reſolved, That two companies of artillery be raiſed, conſiſting of fifty men each, officers included, for the purpoſe of garriſoning ſuch forts, in caſe they ſhall be erected, by and at the expence of Georgia; and that blank commiſſions be delivered to the delegates for the officers, to be filled up by the aſſembly or convention of the ſaid ſtate.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be impowered, if he ſhall judge it adviſeable, to order three of the fulleſt regiments, ſtationed in Maſſachuſetts Bay, to be immediately marched to Ticonderoga; and that an equal number of the militia of that ſtate, be taken into pay, and embodied for its defence, if the government of Maſſachuſetts Bay judge it neceſſary.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That Mr. John Coburne, who has acted as an aſſiſtant conductor of military ſtores in Canada, and has produced certificates of his having done his duty in that ſtation, be allowed lieutenant's pay, from the firſt day of March to the firſt day of June laſt:

That a chaplain be appointed to each regiment in the continental army, and that their allowance be encreaſed to thirty-three dollars and one third of a dollar a month:

That immediate ſteps be taken in the ſeveral colonies, to procure lead:

That the poſtmaſter general be directed immediately to have expreſſes eſtabliſhed between this city and New-York, and that general Waſhington be deſired to ſend off diſpatches to Congreſs every day:

That the ſecret committee be directed to ſend forthwith to general Lewis, at Williamſburg, five tons of powder, for the uſe of the

the troops in the ſouthern department, part of which is to be forwarded to South-Carolina:

That the Britiſh officers and ſoldiers who are priſoners, and now in New-Jerſey, be ſent from thence to the town of York in Pennſylvania, and that the convention or committee of ſafety of New-Jerſey be requeſted to carry this reſolve into execution:

That four companies of the militia be directed to remain in Philadelphia, to guard the continental ſtores in that city.

The matters to this day referred, being poſtponed;

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *July* 6, 1776.

A letter of the 5th, from the convention of New-Jerſey, was received and read.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That Carpenter Wharton be appointed commiſſary to ſupply with rations the militia who are immediately to march from Pennſylvania to New-Jerſey, until the commiſſary general ſhall order otherwiſe:

That William Sherman, jun. be appointed paymaſter of colonel Warner's regiment:

That major Rogers be ſent to New-Hampſhire, to be diſpoſed of as the government of that ſtate ſhall judge beſt.

Sundry letters were received and read, viz.

One from general Waſhington of the 4th and 5th:

One of the 1ſt from gen. Schuyler to general Waſhington; and,

One of the 24th of June, from brigadier general Sullivan to general Schuyler:

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to the board of war.

Reſolved, That the agents in Maſſachuſetts-Bay and Rhode-Iſland, be directed to ſend the arms taken out of the Scotch tranſports, to general Waſhington at New-York.

Reſolved, That a copy of a letter received from J. Green be forwarded to general Waſhington, and that he be deſired to ſend for ſuch parts of the ſtores therein mentioned, as he ſhall think proper.

Application being made by William Kelſay, who has raiſed a company in New-Jerſey, for a ſum of money to defray the expences of ſaid company to New-York:

Ordered, That Mr. Meaſe advance one month's pay to captain Kelſay, for the uſe of his company; he to be accountable.

The Congreſs proceeded to the election of members for the committee on indian affairs, in the room of thoſe abſent, and the ballots being taken, Mr. Jefferſon, Mr. P. Livingſton and Mr. Huntingdon, were choſen.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That Mr. Floyd, Mr. Rodney and Mr. Clark, be added to the committee on the miſcarriages in Canada.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver one ton of powder to the convention of New-York; they to be accountable:

That general Schuyler be directed to collect and audit the public accounts of the late general Montgomery, and to include his pay and the allowance for his table in the adjuſtment.

The board of treaſury laid before Congreſs an account of James Warren, Eſq; late paymaſter general of the United Colonies; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the following allowances be made, viz.

For aſſiſtants, from 27th July, 1775, to 4th May, 1776, the ſum of 276 dollars:

For ſundry articles purchaſed for the uſe of the office in New-York, 3 dollars and forty-nine ſeventy-two parts of a dollar:

For horſe-hire to William Wynthrop, Eſq; and for his attendance and expences in Philadelphia, 100 dollars:

Ordered, That Mr. Warren pay the balance in his hands to Ebenezer Hancock, Eſq; deputy paymaſter general for the eaſtern department.

Adjourned to nine o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *July* 8, 1776.

A letter of the 4th from general Waſhington, and one of the 6th from the convention of New-Jerſey, were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſend four tons of powder, and a ſufficient quantity of cartridge-paper, to general Mercer, for the uſe of the flying camp.

Reſolved, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of James Meaſe; he to be accountable.

A letter from Mrs. Connolly was laid before Congreſs and read;

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, and that it be recommended to ſaid committee, to make proper proviſion for Mrs. Connolly, 'till farther order of Congreſs.

Reſolved, That the commanding officer of the military aſſociators of Philadelphia, be directed not to order captain Peters out of the city, as his ſervice and attendance is neceſſary in the war-office.

Reſolved, That the poſt-maſters, while in office, be excuſed from all military duty.

A letter of the 4th, from the convention of Maryland, incloſing reſolutions for raiſing three thouſand four hundred men for the flying camp, was received and read:

Reſolved, That major general Gates be informed, that it was the intention of Congreſs to give him the command of the troops whilſt in Canada, but that they had no deſign to veſt him with a ſuperior

rior command to general Schuyler, whilſt the troops ſhould be on this ſide Canada; and that the preſident write to major general Schuyler and major-general Gates, ſtating this matter, and recommending to them to carry on the military operations with harmony, and in ſuch manner as ſhall beſt promote the public ſervice:

That a copy of the foregoing reſolution be tranſmitted to general Waſhington.

The committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania having recommended Daniel Burkhard, George Hubley, Jacob Bunner and Benjamin Weiſer, to be captains of the four companies of Germans to be raiſed in that ſtate;

Reſolved, That they be approved, and that commiſſions be granted to them accordingly.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be veſted with diſcretionary power to call to his aſſiſtance at New-York, ſuch of the continental regiments in the Maſſachuſetts Bay, as have not already received orders to march to Ticonderoga; and that the general court of that ſtate be requeſted to ſupply their places with militia, if they think it expedient:

That the commiſſary general have full power to ſupply both armies, that upon the lakes as well as that at New-York; and alſo to appoint and employ ſuch perſons under him, and to remove any deputy commiſſary, as he ſhall judge proper and expedient; it being abſolutely neceſſary, that the ſupply of both armies ſhould be under one direction.

The Congreſs then proceeded to the election of a deputy quarter-maſter general for the flying camp, and the ballots being taken,

Clement Biddle was elected deputy quarter-maſter general for the flying camp, and for the militia of Pennſylvania and New-Jerſey, ordered to rendezvous at Trenton.

Reſolved, That to-morrow be aſſigned for the election of a deputy muſter-maſter general for the flying camp and militia aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That the committee for providing medicines be directed to ſupply the militia aforeſaid with a ſufficient quantity of ſuitable medicines.

Reſolved, That an order for 60,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of the delegates of Georgia, for the uſe of the continental battalions; the ſtate of Georgia to be accountable.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be impowered to appoint ſuitable places of rendezvous for the new battalions raiſing for Canada, and communicate the ſame to the aſſemblies of New-Hampſhire, Maſſachuſetts Bay, Connecticut and New-York; alſo to iſſue his orders for ſupplying the men with rations, tents, a month's pay advance, and other neceſſaries.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That Mr. Mease be directed to advance one month's pay to such of the militia as will engage to serve in the flying camp.

Resolved, That an order for 5000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Mr. George Evans, contractor, for supplying the Delaware battalion; he to be accountable.

A letter of the 5th, from the committee of safety of Delaware government, with sundry papers enclosed, was laid before Congress and read:

Resolved, That the same be referred to the delegates of Maryland and Delaware.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *July* 9, 1776.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That Abraham Sheppard be appointed captain;
Samuel Finley, first-lieutenant;
William Killey, second-lieutenant;
Henry Bidinger, third-lieutenant;
of the Virginia rifle company: and that the delegates of Virginia be impowered to write to the several county committees in that state, where they think it most proper and probable for the men to be raised, requesting the said committees to recommend officers for the appointment of Congress, to fill up colonel Stevenson's regiment; the officers so recommended to have power immediately to inlist their men, and commissions to be sent them as soon as possible, and that 7000 dollars be paid into the hands of colonel Stevenson, for bounty money, and other regimental expences:

That a farther sum of 5000 dollars be paid into the hands of said colonel Stevenson, and 2500 dollars to the delegates of Maryland for the use of the said regiment; they to be accountable.

Resolved, That Mr. Palfrey, late aid de camp of general Washington, have the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the continental army.

The Congress proceeded to the election of a deputy-muster-master general for the flying camp and militia ordered to rendezvous at Trenton, and the ballots being taken;

Jonathan B. Smith was elected.

Resolved, That an order for 10,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the committee of secret correspondence for the purchase of two vessels, they to be accountable.

The committee to whom the petition of William Poole was referred, brought in their report; whereupon,

Resolved, That twenty dollars be paid to the said William Poole for his present support, till regulations are made for the relief of disabled soldiers.

Resolved,

Reſolved, That the reverend Mr. Duché be appointed chaplain to Congreſs, and that he be deſired to attend every morning at nine o'clock.

Reſolved, That the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania releaſe Allen M'Donald of Kingſborough, a priſoner in the goal of Philadelphia, on his parole, and that upon ſigning the parole he be treated agreeable to former reſolutions of Congreſs.

Reſolved, That a committee be appointed to ſettle a cartel for exchange of priſoners;

The members choſen Mr. Braxton, Mr. Wilſon, and Mr. Harriſon.

Reſolved, That ſuch of the militia as are employed in making gun locks, and ſuch as are employed in making cannon, and powder, be detained from marching on the preſent occaſion to New-Jerſey.

Reſolved, That five of the committee appointed to enquire into the cauſes of the miſcarriages in Canada be a quorum to proceed to buſineſs.

The committee on the treaſury to whom the claims of John Walker and Willie Jones, Eſqrs; commiſſioners for indian affairs in the ſouthern department were referred, reported that there is due,

To John Walker, Eſq; for 139 days he was employed in the ſouthern department at the rate of 4 dollars a day, 556 dollars:

To Willie Jones, Eſq; for his expences attending indian affairs at Saliſbury, and travelling to ſundry places, 250 dollars, and for 95 days on duty at 4 dollars a day, 380 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

A memorial from Ludwick Karcher was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the board of war.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *July* 10, 1776.

Reſolved, That one month's pay be advanced to the militia of Pennſylvania ordered to march to Trenton, the ſame to be paid after the men are muſtered:

That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to deliver to Mr. C. Biddle, the deputy-quarter maſter general for the flying camp, and militia, ſuch tents and other articles as he has belonging to the continent, and which may be wanted for the militia and flying camp.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the committee of Lancaſter be impowered, and directed to keep a guard over the priſoners, in the barracks of that borough, and to ſurround the ſaid barracks with a ſtockade fort:

That

That the privates, who are prisoners in the town of Reading, be removed to the borough of Lancaster.

A letter from Ephraim Anderson was laid before Congress and read.

Resolved, That the president write to general Washington on the subject, enclosing Mr. Anderson's letter, and that Mr. Anderson be referred to the general.

The committee appointed to draw up rules and orders for the government of the house, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The standing committee for indian affairs brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the committe for providing medicines be directed to furnish Dr. Allison with a sett of instruments, and that the director general supply him with proper medicines.

The committee to whom the cartel, between brigadier general Arnold and captain Forster, and the several papers thereto relating were recommitted, brought in their report, which was read as follows:

That having made diligent enquiry into the facts, they find, that a party of 390 continental troops, under the command of colonel Bedel, was posted at the Cedars, about 43 miles above Montreal; that they had there formed some works of defence, the greater part of them picketed lines, the rest a breastwork of earth, with two field pieces mounted:

That, on Wednesday, the 15th of May, colonel Bedel received intelligence, that a party of the enemy, consisting of about 600 regulars, Canadians and indians, were on their way to attack his post, and were then within nine miles of it: that colonel Bedel thereon set out himself for Montreal to procure a reinforcement whereupon the command at the Cedars devolved on Major Butterfield:

That, on Thursday, a reinforcement, under the command of Major Sherburne, marched from Montreal for the Cedars, while a larger detachment should be getting ready to proceed thither with brigadier general Arnold:

That, on Friday the seventeenth, the enemy, under the command of captain Forster, invested the post at the Cedars, and for two days kept up a loose scattering fire; that Major Butterfield proposed from the very first to surrender the post, and refused repeated solicitations from his officers and men, to permit them to sally out on the enemy:

That, on Sunday afternoon, a flag being sent in by the enemy, Major Butterfield agreed to surrender the fort and garrison to captain Forster, capitulating with him, whether verbally or in writing does not appear, that the garrison should not be put into the

hands

hands of the ſavages, and that their baggage ſhould not be plundered:

That, at the time of the ſurrender, the enemy conſiſted of about 40 regulars, one hundred canadians, and five hundred indians, and no cannon; the garriſon had ſuſtained no injury from their fire, but the having one man wounded; they had twenty rounds of cartridges a man, thirty rounds for one field piece, five for another, half a barrel of gun powder, fifteen pounds of muſquet ball, and proviſions ſufficient to have laſted them twenty or thirty days: Major Butterfield knew that a reinforcement was on its way, and moreover was ſo near the main body of the army, that he could not doubt of being ſupported by that:

That, immediately on the ſurrender, the garriſon was put into the cuſtody of the ſavages, who plundered them of their baggage, and even ſtripped them of their cloaths:

That major Sherburne having landed on Monday the 20th, at Quinze Chenes, about nine miles from the Cedars, and marched on with his party, conſiſting then of one hundred men, to within four miles thereof, was there attacked by about five hundred of the enemy; that he maintained his ground about an hour, and then being conſtrained to retreat, performed the ſame in good order, receiving and returning a conſtant fire for about forty minutes, when the enemy finding means to poſt advanced parties, in ſuch a manner, as to intercept his farther retreat, they alſo were made priſoners of war:

That they were immediately put into the cuſtody of the ſavages, carried to where major Butterfield and his party were, and ſtripped of their baggage and wearing apparel:

That two of them were put to death that evening, four or five others at different times afterwards, one of whom was of thoſe who ſurrendered on capitulation at the Cedars, and was killed on the 8th day after that ſurrender; that one was firſt ſhot, and while retaining life and ſenſation, was roaſted, as was related by his companion now in poſſeſſion of the ſavages, who himſelf ſaw the fact; and that ſeveral others being worn down by famine and cruelty, were left expoſed in an iſland naked and periſhing with cold and hunger:

That, while major Sherburne was in cuſtody of the enemy, captain Forſter required of him, and the other officers, to ſign a cartel ſtipulating the exchange of themſelves and their men for as many of equal condition of the Britiſh troops in our poſſeſſion; farther that notwithſtanding the exchange, neither themſelves nor men ſhould ever again bear arms againſt the Britiſh government; and for the performance of this, four hoſtages were to be delivered, which, they being under the abſolute power of the enemy, did ſign:

That on Sunday the 26th the prisoners were carried to Quinze Chenes, when it was discovered that general Arnold was approaching, and making dispositions to attack them:

That captain Forster having desired major Sherburne to attend a flag, which he was about to send to general Arnold for confirmation of the cartel, carried him into the council of indians, then sitting, who told him, that it was a mercy never before shewn in their wars, that they had put to death so few of the prisoners; but that he must expect and so inform general Arnold, that they should certainly kill every man, who should thereafter fall into their hands:

That captain Forster joined in desiring that this bloody message should be delivered to general Arnold, and moreover that he should be notified, that if he rejected the cartel, and attacked him, every man of the prisoners would be put to instant death:

That general Arnold was extremely averse from entering into any agreement, and was at length induced to do it by no other motive, than that of saving the prisoners from cruel and inhuman death, threatened in such terms as left no doubt it was to be perpetrated, and that he did at length conclude it, after several flags received from captain Forster, and a relinquishment by him of the unequal article restraining our soldiers from again bearing arms:

That the prisoners so stipulated to be given up to the enemy, were not in the possession of general Arnold, nor under his direction, but were, at that time distributed in various parts of the continent, under the orders of this house:

That four hostages were accordingly delivered to captain Forster, who were immediately plundered and stripped by the savages; and on his part were delivered, one major, four captains, sixteen subalterns and three hundred and fifty five privates as specified in a certificate of captain James Osgood and others, of whom no specification by their names or numbers has yet been transmitted; that he retained twelve Canadians alledging in his justification express orders so to do, and that living in a military government, they were to be considered even in a worser light than deserters from his majesty's armies: These he carried away in irons, but afterwards released: That he permitted the indians to carry into their countries several other natives of the United States for purposes unknown:

That, during the time of their captivity, not half food was allowed the prisoners; they were continually insulted, buffetted and ill treated by the savages; and when the first parties of them were carried off from the shore to be delivered to general Arnold, balls of mud were fired at them, and at the last parties musket balls.

The Congress taking into consideration the foregoing report, came to the following resolutions:

Resolved,

Reſolved, That all acts contrary to good faith, the laws of nature, or the cuſtoms of civilized nations, done by the officers or ſoldiers of his Britannic majeſty, or by foreigners or ſavages taken into his ſervice, are to be conſidered as done by his orders, unleſs indemnification be made in caſes which admit indemnification, and in all other caſes, unleſs immediate and effective meaſures be taken by him, or by his officers, for bringing to condign puniſhment the authors, abettors and perpetrators of the act:

That the plundering the baggage of the garriſon at the Cedars, ſtripping them of their cloaths, and delivering them into the hands of the ſavages, was a breach of the capitulation on the part of the enemy, for which indemnification ought to be demanded:

That the murder of the priſoners of war was a groſs and inhuman violation of the laws of nature and nations; that condign puniſhment ſhould be inflicted on the authors, abettors and perpetrators of the ſame; and that, for this purpoſe, it be required, that they be delivered into our hands:

That the agreement entered into by general Arnold, was a mere ſponſion on his part; he not being inveſted with powers for the diſpoſal of priſoners not in his poſſeſſion, nor under his direction; and that, therefore, it is ſubject to be ratified or annulled, at the diſcretion of this houſe:

That the ſhameful ſurrender of the poſt at the Cedars, is chargeable on the commanding officer; that ſuch other of the priſoners, as were taken there, ſhewed a willingneſs and deſire to fight the enemy; and that major Sherburne and the priſoners taken with him, though their diſparity of numbers was great, fought the enemy bravely for a conſiderable time, and ſurrendered at laſt, but on abſolute neceſſity; on which conſideration, and on which alone it is reſolved, that the ſaid ſponſion be ratified; and that an equal number of captives from the enemy, of the ſame rank and condition, be reſtored to them, as ſtipulated by the ſaid ſponſion:

That, previous to the delivery of the priſoners to be returned on our part, the Britiſh commander in Canada be required to deliver into our hands the authors, abettors and perpetrators of the horrid murder committed on the priſoners, to ſuffer ſuch puniſhment as their crime deſerves; and alſo to make indemnification for the plunder at the Cedars, taken contrary to the faith of the capitulation; and that, until ſuch delivery and indemnification be made, the ſaid priſoners be not delivered:

That, if the enemy ſhall commit any further violences, by putting to death, torturing, or otherwiſe ill treating the priſoners retained by them, or any of the hoſtages put into their hands, recourſe be had to retaliation, as the ſole means of ſtopping the progreſs of human butchery; and that for that purpoſe, puniſhments of the ſame kind and degree be inflicted on an equal number of the captives

captives from them in our poſſeſſion, 'till they ſhall be taught to reſpect the violated rights of nations:

That a copy of the above report and reſolutions be tranſmitted to the commander in chief of the continental forces, to be by him ſent to generals Howe and Burgoyne.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *July* 11, 1776.

Sundry letters were received and read, viz.

One of the 9th, from the convention of New-Jerſey:

One of the ſame date, from the committee of Eaſton, and three from officers, priſoners, deſiring leave to come to Philadelphia.

Reſolved, That the letter from the convention of New-Jerſey be referred to the board of war, who are deſired to report thereon as ſoon as poſſible.

Reſolved, That Mr. T. Matlack be directed to deliver to Mr. C. Biddle, deputy quarter-maſter general for the flying camp, ſuch of the continental ſtores in his poſſeſſion, as may be neceſſary for ſaid flying camp.

The general having recommended the following gentlemen to be officers of the two remaining riffle companies of colonel Stevenſon's battalion at New-York, viz.

Philemon Griffith, captain:

Thomas Huſſey Lucket, firſt lieutenant:

Adamſon Tannohill, ſecond lieutenant:

Henry Hardman, third lieutenant:

Richard Davis, captain:

Daniel Creſſap, firſt lieutenant:

Nieman Tannehill, ſecond lieutenant:

Henry Hardman, third lieutenant:

Reſolved, That they be accepted, and commiſſions granted to them accordingly.

Reſolved, That an order for 213 dollars and one-third be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of the delegates of Maryland, to defray the expences of tranſporting powder to Maryland; they to be accountable.

Three petitions; one from major Melchior, one from John Doyle and one from Benjamin Flower, were preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That they be referred to the board of war.

A petition from John Cox was preſented to Congreſs and read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſell Mr. Cox half a ton of powder, for the uſe of the private veſſel of war by him fitted out.

A petition from Cox, Furman and others, was preſented to Congreſs and read, together with a memorial from the committee of

of inſpection and obſervation for the city and liberties of Philadelphia, recommending their caſe to the notice of Congreſs; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the petitioners have leave to diſpoſe of the goods mentioned in their petition.

A letter of the 10th, from general Waſhington, and five letters of the 5th and 6th, from governor Trumbull, were laid before Congreſs and read.

The board of war, to whom the letter from the convention of New-Jerſey was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That a letter be written to the convention of New-Jerſey, informing them,—that, as they have not incloſed to Congreſs copies of general Waſhington's and brigadier general Livingſton's letters, no judgment can be formed by Congreſs, concerning the contents of them, until copies are ſent;—that meaſures are taking in Pennſylvania and Maryland, for forming the flying camp;—that, in the mean while, the aſſociated militia are marching in great numbers from Pennſylvania, for the defence of New-Jerſey;—that ammunition has been and will be ſupplied by this Congreſs, for the defence of New-Jerſey;—that, with regard to the pay of the militia, Congreſs will obſerve the ſame rule of conduct towards New-Jerſey, as towards other colonies:

That it be notified to the convention of Virginia, that the Congreſs are willing to take into continental poſſeſſion the forts at the mouths of Wheeling and the great Kanhaway, and the fort at Pittſburg now in poſſeſſion of that colony; and alſo to receive, on the continental eſtabliſhment, the garriſons in theſe forts, if the ſaid convention ſhall deſire it.

The marine committee reported, that, in purſuance of the order of Congreſs, they have called before them divers of the inferior officers belonging to the ſhips Alfred and Columbus, and having heard their complaints againſt the captains Saltonſtall and Whipple, in their preſence, are of opinion, that the charge againſt captain Saltonſtall does not appear to the committee to be well founded, and that the charge againſt captain Whipple amounts to nothing more than a rough, indelicate mode of behaviour to his marine officers; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the marine committee be directed to order the captains Saltonſtall and Whipple to repair to their reſpective commands; and that it be recommended to captain Whipple to cultivate harmony with his officers.

Dr. Franklin, one of the commiſſioners to Canada, laid before Congreſs an account of his expenditures:

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to the board of treaſury.

The preſident acquainted Congreſs, that laſt evening information was given to him of a conſpiracy or plot carrying on for liberating

berating the priſoners in the gaol of Philadelphia and other evil deſigns; whereupon,

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed, and that they, together with the preſident, be directed to make ſtrict enquiry into the truth of the matter, and if they find the information well grounded, to take ſuch ſteps as they ſhall judge prudent and effectual for defeating the machinations of the conſpirators; and in caſe of neceſſity, to call upon the brigadier general or commanding officer of the aſſociators, for the aid of the military:

The members choſen, Mr. Jefferſon, Mr. Stockton, Mr. Guinnet, Mr. Morris and Mr. Wilſon.

A letter from Mr. Meaſe was laid before Congreſs and read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That an order for 40,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of Mr. Meaſe, to enable him to advance a month's pay to the military aſſociators of Pennſylvania, ordered into New-Jerſey, and to thoſe who engage to form the flying camp; he to be accountable.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To Thomas Amor, for boarding general Lee's guard, the ſum of 34 dollars and twenty-two-ninetieths:

To colonel Nelſon, for expences of an expreſs, the ſum of 4 dollars and eighty-four-ninetieths:

To Caſper Miller, for proviſions, &c. for general Lee's guard, the ſum of 33 dollars and twenty-ſeven-ninetieths:

To Thomas Dundas, for riffles ſupplied colonel Irwine's battalion, the ſum of 313 dollars and ſeventy-eight-ninetieths, and that the ſame ought to be charged to ſaid battalion:

To Joſeph Hewes, Eſq; for expences paid for the carriage, guard, &c. of powder, to North-Carolina, the ſum of 660 dollars and thirty-four-ninetieths:

To Timothy Matlack, on account, 200 dollars;

To William Trickett, for ſtationary, the ſum of 204 dollars and fifty-one-ninetieths:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The committee, to whom the letter from John Macpherſon of the 31ſt of May, was referred, reported,

That they have examined Mr. Macpherſon, reſpecting the contents of his letter, who alledged, that he had a promiſe of being appointed commander in chief of the American navy, by Meſſrs. Randolph, Hopkins and J. Rutledge, a committee of Congreſs, to whom he communicated an important ſecret, but that he produced no evidence in ſupport of ſuch allegation; that they enquired of Mr. Hopkins about this promiſe, in the preſence of Mr. Macpherſon, and that Mr. Hopkins declared he recollected nothing of the kind; whereupon,

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the application and requeſt of Mr. Macpherſon is unreaſonable.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *July* 12, 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

One of the 11th, from brigadier general Wooſter:

One from Mrs. Connolly; and

One of the 10th, from the convention of New-Jerſey:

Reſolved, That the laſt be referred to the board of war.

Reſolved, That the committee appointed on the 8th of May laſt, on the inſtructions given to commodore Hopkins, be diſcharged; and that the matters to them referred, be committed to the marine committee, who are inveſted with the ſame powers as the committee, now diſcharged, were at their appointment; and that the ſaid marine committee be directed to proceed to enquire, as well how far the ſaid commodore has complied with the inſtructions given him by the naval committee, as into the complaints reported by the marine committee on the 13th of June, to have been exhibited againſt him.

The committee appointed to examine the claims of Mr. Charles Walker, for the hire and expences of his ſloop Endeavour and the damages he has ſuſtained, in conſequence of her being taken into the ſervice of the United Colonies, and brought from New-Providence to New-London by commodore Hopkins, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſaid ſloop Endeavour be reſtored to the ſaid Charles Walker, with all her ſtores and materials, as ſhe came from ſea, and now lies at New-London:

That the ſum of two thouſand dollars be paid to the ſaid Charles Walker, for the hire of her, and in lieu of all loſſes, damages, premiums of inſurance, and expences whatever:

That the ſaid Charles Walker be permitted to inveſt the balance of the ſaid 2000 dollars, or what remains after defraying his expences, and paying for the repairs and outfit of his veſſel, in produce, and export the ſame.

The committee appointed to prepare articles of confederation, brought in a draught, which was read:

Ordered, That eighty copies, and no more, of the confederation, as brought in by the committee, be immediately printed and depoſited with the ſecretary, who ſhall deliver one copy to each member:

That the printer be under oath to deliver all the copies, which he ſhall print together with the copy ſheet to the ſecretary, and not to diſcloſe either directly or indirectly, the contents of the ſaid confederation:

That no member furniſh any perſon with his copy, or take any ſteps

ſteps by which the ſaid confederation may be re-printed, and that the ſecretary be under the like injunction.

The committee appointed to take into conſideration the memorial of the director general of the American hoſpital brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Reſolved, That Mr. Hopkinſon be added to the marine committee.

Reſolved, That the ſecretary be impowered to employ an aſſiſtant clerk.

The committee on the treaſury, to whom the account of Dr. Franklin, one of the commiſſioners to Canada was referred, reported that there is due to ſaid Dr. Franklin the ſum of 1221 dollars and eighteen ninetieths, of which

560 dollars to be charged to brigadier-general Arnold:

124 do. advanced to Charles Carrol of Carrolton, Eſq;

164 do. and ſeventy-eight ninetieths, paid for bedding &c. for the uſe of the commiſſioners and which now remains depoſited with the commiſſary of ſtores at Albany, and

372 dollars and thirty ninetieths, expended by Meſſrs. Franklin and J. Carrol in their journey to, and from, and in Canada:

Ordered, That the ſaid account be paid.

Adjourned to nine o'clock on Monday next.

The Congreſs being called together on

SUNDAY, *July* 14, 1776.

Two letters from general Waſhington dated 11th and 12th, were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That an order for 20,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of C. Biddle, deputy-quarter maſter general for the uſe of the flying camp and militia ordered to New-Jerſey; he to be accountable:

That Mr. Biddle be directed to uſe every method to forward the flour at Trenton to the places where it is wanted:

That he be impowered to appoint an aſſiſtant:

That he be directed to furniſh tents, camp kettles, and canteens for an army of 20,000 men, including ſuch of thoſe articles, as he has received from Mr. Meaſe:

That he be directed to employ one or more armourers for the army in New-Jerſey:

That application be made to the convention of New-Jerſey to ſupply all the lead they poſſibly can for the flying camp and militia:

That application be made to the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, deſiring them to ſupply the flying camp and militia in New-Jerſey with as many muſket cartridges well balled, as they can poſſibly ſpare:

That

That the ſecret committee be directed to ſupply the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania, with a quantity of powder equal to that ſpared to the continent in cartridges:

That an expreſs be ſent to overtake the powder waggons gone to Virginia, with a letter to colonel F. Lewis, deſiring him to ſend in the return waggons all the lead he can collect at Frederickſburg:

That the committee or council of ſafety of Virginia be requeſted to ſend to Philadelphia by the return of the waggons as much of the lead they now have at Williamſburg, as they can ſpare, and to order from the mines 15 or 20 tons more of lead to Philadelphia, as ſoon as poſſible:

That a letter be written to the commanding officer in New-Jerſey to march ſuch of the militia, and flying camp to Brunſwick or other places in New-Jerſey, as he may judge neceſſary, and moſt conducive to the publick ſervice, provided that this does not interfere with any prior directions of general Waſhington:

That the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania be requeſted immediately to order to the ſeveral places of their deſtination all the Britiſh officers, priſoners in this city; their wives not to be deſired to go, until the weather is more ſuitable:

That the commanding officer in Pennſylvania be deſired to iſſue freſh orders, and exert himſelf to forward the immediate march of the militia to New-Jerſey: The ſervice requiring their being immediately embodied, as appears by the advices received by expreſs from general Waſhington:

That the deputy quarter maſter general be directed to requeſt the uſe of ſome houſe of public worſhip to cover the troops during their ſhort ſtay in this city.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

MONDAY, *July* 15, 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

One from Mr. J. Jay of the 6th, incloſing a memorial from Samuel Tredwell Pell of the manor of Pelham:

One from the committee of Lancaſter of the 11th:

One from the committee of Reading of the 13th; and

Two from the convention of New-York of the 11th, with ſundry papers incloſed, among which were the following reſolutions:

"In convention of the repreſentatives of the ſtate of New-York, White Plains, July 9, 1776.

Reſolved unanimouſly, that the reaſons aſſigned by the continental Congreſs for declaring the United Colonies free and independant ſtates, are cogent and concluſive, and that while we lament the cruel neceſſity, which has rendered that meaſure unavoidable, we approve the ſame, and will at the riſque of our lives and fortunes join with the other colonies in ſupporting it.

Resolved unanimously, That the delegates of this state, in the Continental Congress, be and they hereby are authorised to concert and adopt all such measures as they may deem conducive to the happiness and welfare of the United States of America.

Extract from the minutes, ROBERT BENSON, Secretary."

Resolved, That the letters from the convention of New-York, with the papers inclosed, be referred to the board of war:

That the general's letters of the 10th, 11th and 12th, be referred to the board of war.

Resolved, That the case of the officers ordered from New-Jersey to Pennsylvania, be referred to the board of war, and that they be directed to examine into the conduct of said officers and their servants, and to order them to such places, and to be disposed of in such manner, as they shall think proper.

Resolved, That the sum of 55 dollars be paid to major Henry Sherburne, for his expences from the 6th of June, the time he left Canada, to this day, with a farther allowance of eight days expences to join his regiment.

Resolved, That two members be elected for the board of treasury, in the room of two who are absent:

The members chosen, Mr. P. Livingston and Mr. Reed.

A letter from an officer of colonel Hazen's battalion, was laid before Congress and read:

Resolved, That it be referred to the committee on the miscarriages in Canada.

A petition and memorial of captain James Ross was received and read:

Resolved, That it be referred to the committee of claims.

Resolved, That it be recommended to Patrick Henry, Esq; governor of Virginia, to give orders for manning and sending to sea, under convoy, the brigantine Fanny, captain Tokely, which is loaded on account of the continent.

Resolved, That a committee to consist of a member from Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New-Jersey, be appointed to consider the propriety and means of augmenting the flying camp:

The members chosen, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Stone, Mr. Reed, Mr. Morton and Mr. Stockton.

Resolved, That the battalion for the defence of the western frontiers, be raised in the counties of Westmoreland and Bedford, in the following proportions, to wit, seven companies in Westmoreland, and one company in Bedford:

That the commissioned officers of the several companies, be appointed by the committee of the county in which they are to be raised.

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for electing the field officers of the German battalion.

Resolved,

Resolved, That a chief physician be appointed for the flying camp, and that his pay be four dollars a day:

The ballots being taken and examined,

Doctor William Shippen, jun. was elected.

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for electing a commissary of military stores, and a deputy adjutant general for the flying camp.

Resolved, That Thursday morning be assigned for taking into consideration the report of the committee of ways and means.

Resolved, That Alexander M'Donald, son of captain M'Donald, be liberated on his parole, and allowed to reside with his father.

A petition from John Hannum was presented to Congress and read:

Resolved, That the same, together with the papers accompanying it, be referred to the secret committee.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *July* 16, 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congress and read, viz.

One from general Washington of the 14th:

One from brigadier general Sullivan, of the 2d, from Crown-point:

One from the committee of Lancaster, of the 13th:

One from Samuel Blackden, of the 16th:

Resolved, That the letter from general Washington be referred to the board of war:

That Samuel Blackden be referred to the deputy paymaster and deputy commissary general in the northern department.

Resolved, That general Washington be desired to lodge powder with such persons as he may think proper, for the use of such parts of the state of New-York, as he may apprehend exposed to danger, and that the commanding officer in New-Jersey do the same in that colony; and that general Washington, and the said commanding officer in New-Jersey, be impowered to draw from the mills of Messrs. Wisner, Livingston and Ford, any powder which may be requisite for these purposes, or for the use of their respective camps.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That there be appointed by the commanding officer of each regiment in the continental army, a serjeant major, quarter master serjeant, drum major and fife major, who shall respectively hold no other appointment but those before mentioned, and that their pay be one dollar a month each, more than that allowed to a serjeant, drum or fife in said regiment:

That a warrant be made out to John Doyle, to be a captain of a company of riffle men to be raised for three years, unless sooner discharged

diſcharged by Congreſs; his commiſſion to be given him as ſoon as his company is full:

That a paymaſter be appointed to each regiment in the army of the United States, with a ſalary of 26 dollars and two-thirds a month:

That the application to Congreſs from Mr. Rowland Chambers, deſiring to be appointed paymaſter to the New Jerſey troops at New-York, cannot be complied with, as ſuch an appointment would interfere with the duty of the paymaſter general, within whoſe department it properly lies:

That half a dollar a week be allowed to each of the Connecticut light horſe, who have joined the army at New-York, for the maintenance of his horſe for ſo long time only as the general ſhall think it neceſſary for ſuch horſe to continue in the ſervice:

That general Schuyler be directed to take every poſſible precaution to cleanſe the army, under his command, from the infection of the ſmall-pox:

That it be recommended to the convention of Pennſylvania now ſitting to take ſuch meaſures as they may judge proper and neceſſary, for procuring as much lead, within that ſtate, as can be obtained for the ſupply of the flying camp:

That three commiſſioners be appointed by Congreſs to repair as ſoon as may be to New-York, there to audit the accounts of the commiſſary general, quarter maſter general, and director general of the hoſpital, and all other accounts of the army; the ſaid commiſſioners to take an oath for the faithful execution of their truſt:

That three commiſſioners be appointed for the like purpoſes in the northern army:

That general Waſhington be informed, that the bounty granted by the reſolution of Congreſs of the 26th of June, was intended as a general regulation, and to extend to all ſuch men now in the continental ſervice, and all others, who will inliſt for the term of three years, to be computed from and after the expiration of the term of their preſent inliſtment.

Reſolved, That Monſieur Kirmovan be appointed an engineer in the continental ſervice, with the pay of 60 dollars a month, and the rank of lieutenant colonel:

That he be ordered immediately to repair to New-Jerſey, and put himſelf under the command of the officer commanding the flying camp.

Reſolved, That Richard Humpton be employed in the continental ſervice, with the rank and pay of lieutenant colonel:

That Samuel Dawſon be employed in the continental ſervice, with the rank and pay of captain:

That they be ordered to repair immediately to New-Jerſey, and put themſelves under the command of the officer commanding the flying camp.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be deſired to call to his aſſiſtance, at New York, two thouſand of the men who have march into New Jerſey to form the flying camp, and that the convention of New-Jerſey be requeſted immediately to ſupply their places with an equal number of the militia of that ſtate; that letters be written to the ſtates of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, Connecticut and New-Jerſey, ſetting forth the ſituation of our affairs in the New-York department, and preſſing them immediately to comply with the requiſition of Congreſs of the 3d of June:

That the ſituation of our army at New-York be pointed out to the ſtate of Connecticut, and that it be earneſtly recommended to that ſtate immediately to ſend all the militia thereof, which can be ſpared, into New-York, to reinforce the army there, and continue in ſervice until the proportions requeſted of the ſeveral ſtates ſhall arrive.

The Congreſs proceeded to the election of a commiſſary of military ſtores for the flying camp, and the ballots being taken, Benjamin Flower, Eſq; was elected.

A letter from S. Chaſe, Eſq; of the 8th was laid before Congreſs and read;

Reſolved, That the ſame, together with the petition of Mr. Mentges, read the 12th, be referred to the delegates of Pennſylvania and Maryland.

A petition from captain Benedict was preſented to Congreſs and read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That a copy of ſaid petition be ſent to general Schuyler, and that he be deſired to order the accounts of captain Benedict to be ſettled and paid, or to inform Congreſs of the reaſons why payment ought to be withheld.

Reſolved, That Mr. Wiſner be impowered to employ a proper perſon to manufacture gunflints.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *July* 17, 1776.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed immediately to deliver to Mr. J. Meaſe half a ton of ſalt petre, to be by him forwarded to col. Moylan, quarter maſter general.

Sundry letters were laid before Congreſs and read, *viz.*

One from the convention of New-York, dated the 12th, with ſundry papers encloſed, which were referred to the board of war:

One from brigadier general Wooſter:

One of the 11th from Richard Ellis; and,

One of the 15th from Carpenter Wharton.

Reſolved, That an order for 15,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of Carpenter Wharton; he to be accountable.

The board of war to whom the letter of general Waſhington of the

the 14th was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Waſhington, in refuſing to receive a letter ſaid to be ſent from lord Howe, addreſſed to "George Waſhington, Eſq;" acted with a dignity becoming his ſtation; and therefore, this Congreſs do highly approve the ſame; and do direct, that no letter or meſſage be received on any occaſion whatſoever from the enemy, by the commander in chief, or others the commanders of the American army, but ſuch as ſhall be directed to them in the characters they reſpectively ſuſtain.

The preſident informed Congreſs, that he had been under the diſagreeable neceſſity of committing captain Gamble to priſon, on account of his ill behaviour; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to inquire into the conduct of captain Gamble, ſince he was made priſoner of war, and report ſpecially to Congreſs.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the memorial of the director-general of the American hoſpital; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the number of hoſpital ſurgeons and mates be increaſed in proportion to the augmentation of the army, not exceeding one ſurgeon and five mates to every five thouſand men, to be reduced when the army is reduced, or when there is no farther occaſion for ſuch a number:

That as many perſons be employed in the ſeveral hoſpitals in quality of ſtore keepers, ſtewards, managers and nurſes, as are neceſſary for the ſervice, for the time being, to be appointed by the directors of the reſpective hoſpitals:

That the ſeveral regimental cheſts of medicines, and chirurgical inſtruments, which now are, or hereafter ſhall be in the poſſeſſion of the regimental ſurgeons, be ſubject to the inſpection and inquiry of the reſpective directors of hoſpitals and the director general; and that the ſaid regimental ſurgeons ſhall from time to time, when thereto required, render account of the ſaid medicines and inſtruments, to the ſaid director, or if there be no director in any particular department, to the director general: The ſaid accounts to be tranſmitted to the director general, and by him to this Congreſs: And the medicines and inſtruments not uſed by any regimental ſurgeon to be returned, when the regiment is reduced, to the reſpective directors, and an account thereof by them rendered to the director general, and by him to this Congreſs:

That the ſeveral directors of hoſpitals, in the ſeveral departments, and the regimental ſurgeons, where there is no director, ſhall tranſmit to the director general regular returns of the number of ſurgeons mates, and other officers employed under them, their names and pay: Alſo an account of the expences and furniture of the hoſpital under their direction; and that the director general

general make report of the ſame from time to time to the commander in chief, and this Congreſs :

That the ſeveral regimental and hoſpital ſurgeons, in the ſeveral departments, make weekly returns of the ſick to the reſpective directors in their departments:

That no regimental ſurgeon be allowed to draw upon the hoſpital of his department for any ſtores, except medicines and inſtruments ; and that when any ſick perſon ſhall require other ſtores, they ſhall be received into the ſaid hoſpital, and the rations of the ſaid ſick perſons be ſtopped, ſo long as they are in the ſaid hoſpital ; and that the directors of the ſeveral hoſpitals report to the commiſſary the names of the ſick, when received into, and when diſcharged from the hoſpital, and make a like return to the board of treaſury:

That all extra-expences for bandages, old linen, and other articles neceſſary for the ſervice, incurred by any regimental ſurgeon, be paid by the director of that department, with the approbation of the commander thereof:

That no more medicines belonging to the continent be diſpoſed of, till further order of Congreſs :

That the pay of the hoſpital ſurgeons be encreaſed to one dollar, and two thirds of a dollar by the day, the pay of the hoſpital mates to one dollar by the day, and the pay of the hoſpital apothecary, to one dollar, and two thirds of a dollar, by the day: And that the hoſpital ſurgeons and mates take rank of regimental ſurgeons and mates:

That the director general and the ſeveral directors of hoſpitals be impowered to purchaſe with the approbatian of the commander of the reſpective departments, medicines and inſtruments for the uſe of their reſpective hoſpitals, and draw upon the paymaſter for the ſame, and make report of ſuch purchaſes to Congreſs.

Reſolved, That Nicholas Hauſeigger be colonel :
George Stricker lieutenant-colonel :
Ludewick Wiltner, major of the German battalion:

Reſolved, That another company be added to the German battalion:

That David Welper be appointed captain of ſaid company.

Reſolved, That Samuel Brady be firſt lieutenant ;
William M'Murray ſecond lieutenant ;
Henry Fortney third lieutenant; of captain Doyle's independant rifle company.

The Congreſs proceeded to the election of a deputy paymaſter general, for the flying camp, and the ballots being taken,

Richard Dallam, Eſq; was elected.

Reſolved, That colonel Smallwood from Maryland be ordered to repair as ſoon as poſſible with the troops under his command to New-York, and put himſelf under the command of the general.

That

That the general be informed that these troops are to be considered as part of the two thousand, which he was impowered to call to his assistance from the flying camp by the resolution passed yesterday.

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the convention of New-Jersey, to cause all the stock on the sea coast, which they shall apprehend to be in danger of falling into the hands of the enemy, to be immediately removed, and driven back into the country, to a place of security.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the journals, and direct what parts ought to be published:

The members chosen, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Lynch, jun. and Mr. Hopkinson.

A petition from Jean Baptista de Vidal of Canada was presented to Congress and read:

Resolved, That it be referred to a committee of five, and that they be directed to inquire into the character of the petitioner, and all others in similar circumstances applying for relief, and report thereon to Congress:

The members chosen Mr. Rush, Mr Paca, Mr. Heyward, Mr. Chase, and Mr. Walton.

Resolved, That Mr. J. Adams, Mr. Harrison and Mr. Morris be a committee to bring in a resolution for subjecting to confiscation, the property of the subjects of the crown of Great-Britain, and particularly of the inhabitants of the British West-Indies taken on the high seas, or between high and low water mark.

The Congress took into consideration, the report of the committee on the rules and orders for the government of the house; whereupon,

Resolved, That the following rules be observed.

1. So soon as nine states are present, that the Congress proceed to business.

2. No member shall depart from the service of the house, without permission of the Congress, or order from his constituents.

3. No member shall read any printed paper in the house during the sitting thereof, without leave of the Congress.

4. When the house is sitting, no member shall speak to another, so as to interrupt any member who may be speaking in the debate.

5. Every member, when he speaks shall rise from his seat, and address himself to the chair, and when he has finished shall sit down again.

6. No member shall speak more than twice in any one debate without leave of the house.

7. When two members rise together, the president shall name the person to speak.

8. No motion shall be debated, until the same be seconded.

9. When

9. When a motion ſhall be made, and ſeconded, it ſhall be reduced to writing, if deſired by the preſident or any member, delivered in at the table, and read by the preſident before the ſame ſhall be allowed to be debated.

10. When a motion is made and ſeconded, the matter of the motion ſhall receive a determination by the queſtion, or be laid aſide, by general conſent, or poſtponed by the previous queſtion, before any other motion be received.

11. If a queſtion in a debate contain more parts than one, any member may have the ſame divided into as many queſtions, as parts.

12. No perſon ſhall be appointed to any office of profit, unleſs he ſhall have the conſent of ſeven ſtates, nor ſhall any ballots be counted unleſs the perſon, for whom the ballots ſhall be given, be firſt named to the houſe, before the balloting be gone into.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *July* 18, 1776.

The delegates from Maryland laid before Congreſs the credentials of a new appointment made by their convention, which were read, as follows;

"In Convention, Annapolis, July 4, 1776.

Reſolved, That the honourable Matthew Tilghman, Eſq; and Thomas Johnſon, junr. William Paca, Samuel Chaſe, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll, of Carolton; and Robert Alexander, Eſqrs; or a majority of them, or of any three or more of them be deputies to repreſent this colony in Congreſs, in as full and ample manner as the deputies of this colony might have done under any appointment heretofore made; until the next convention ſhall make farther order therein. Extract from the minutes.

G. DUVALL, Clk."

A letter from general Waſhington of the 15th, was laid before Congreſs, and read, alſo ſundry intercepted letters from lord Howe to governors Franklin, Penn, Eden, Dunmore, Martin and Wright, together with ſundry letters to ſeveral private perſons:

Reſolved, That theſe letters be referred to a committee of three, and that they be directed to examine the private letters, and deliver to the perſons to whom directed ſuch of ſaid letters as contain nothing but private matters:

The members choſen, Mr. Jefferſon, Mr. Paine and Mr. Caroll.

A letter of the 17th from general Waſhington, incloſing ſundry diſpatches from general Schuyler;

Alſo a letter of the 16th, from brigadier-general Mercer were received and read:

Reſolved, That theſe be referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 14th, from the committee of inſpection for the county of Cumberland, was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That the sum of 2,600 dollars be sent to the committee of inspection and observation for the county of Cumberland for the use of the troops raising in that county for the flying camp, the said committee to be accountable.

Resolved, That a member be added to the board of war:

The member chosen, Mr. Carroll.

The committee appointed to prepare a plan of treaties to be entered into with foreign states or kingdoms, brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the draught of Ephraim Blaine for two thousand dollars on account of blankets purchased by order of Congress for the continental troops in Virginia be paid, and charged to the account of said E. Blaine.

Resolved, That the convention of Pennsylvania be informed that the Congress have agreed to the raising of a battalion in the counties of Westmoreland and Bedford for the defence of the western frontiers, and that they be requested immediately to recommend proper persons to Congress for field officers for said battalion.

Resolved, That two members be added to the committee appointed to contract for the making cannon:

The members chosen, Mr. Chase and Mr. Heyward.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *July* 19, 1776.

Resolved, That two months pay be advanced to colonel Kirmovan; he to be accountable.

Resolved, That an order be drawn for 400 dollars, on the treasurers, in favour of David S. Franks, in full of brigadier general D. Wooster's draught, in his favour on Jonathan Trumbull, dated at Chamblee, the 30th of May, 1776.

Resolved, That the subaltern officers of the German battalion do not rank from the dates of their commissions, but that their ranks be established hereafter by Congress.

The committee of safety of Pennsylvania having recommended Frederick Rowlwagen, Peter Boyer, William Rice, and Jacob Bower for first lieutenants: George Shaffer, George Hawbecker, John Landenberger, and Frederick Yeiser for second lieutenants: John Weidman, Christian Helm, Christian Godfried Swartz, and Jacob Cramer for ensigns of the four German companies raising in Pennsylvania:

Resolved, That they be accepted, and that commissions be granted to them accordingly.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved,

Reſolved, That general Schuyler be deſired to enquire into the complaints of the ſoldiers under his command, and give ſtrict orders, that no higher price be charged for the goods furniſhed to the ſoldiers, than the firſt coſt of them, and five per cent. for charges:

That the reſolution of Congreſs, prohibiting any officer from holding more offices than one, be ſent to general Schuyler:

That a letter be written to general Schuyler, requeſting him to recommend, in the ſtrongeſt terms, harmony between the officers and troops of the different ſtates; to diſcountenance and ſuppreſs all provincial reflections and ungenerous jealouſies of every kind, and to promote, by every poſſible means, diſcipline, order, and zeal in the public ſervice.

Reſolved, That it be earneſtly recommended to the convention of Pennſylvania, to haſten, with all poſſible expedition, the march of the aſſociators into New-Jerſey, agreeable to a former requeſt of Congreſs.

Reſolved, That the delegates of Maryland be directed to inform the commanding officer of the Maryland troops, that Congreſs expect he will immediately march with his troops to New-York.

The committee appointed to prepare a reſolution for ſubjecting to confiſcation the property of the ſubjects of Great-Britain, &c. brought in the ſame, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table, and that the ſame be taken into conſideration on Monday next.

The Congreſs proceeded to the election of a deputy adjutant general for the flying camp; and the ballots being taken,

Samuel Griffin, Eſq; was elected.

Reſolved, That Mr. Griffin, as deputy adjutant general, have the rank of colonel.

The committee appointed to enquire into the cauſes of the miſcarriages in Canada, brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Reſolved, That the committee have leave to ſit again.

The committee, to whom the letters from Lord Howe to Mr. Franklin, &c. were referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That a copy of the circular letters, and the declaration incloſed from Lord Howe to Mr. William Franklin, Mr. Penn, Mr. Eden, Lord Dunmore, Mr. Martin and Sir James Wright, which were ſent to Amboy by a flag, and forwarded to Congreſs by general Waſhington, be publiſhed in the ſeveral gazettes, that the good people of theſe United States may be informed of what nature are the commiſſioners, and what the terms, with expectation of which the inſidious court of Britain has endeavoured to amuſe and diſarm them, and that the few, who ſtill remain ſuſpended by a hope founded either in the juſtice or moderation of

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their late king, may now at length be convinced, that the valour alone of their country is to ſave its liberties.

The Congreſs proceeded to the election of commiſſioners for ſettling the accounts at New-York, and the ballots being taken,

Mr. William Denning, Mr. Thomas Smith and Mr. James Stevenſon, were elected.

A letter of the 2d, from general Lee at Charleſtown, incloſing ſundry papers, was laid before Congreſs and read:

Ordered, That an extract of general Lee's letter be publiſhed.

Reſolved, That the committee appointed to contract for the making cannon, be impowered to contract with Meſſrs. Hughes for one thouſand tons of cannon, on the terms by them propoſed.

Reſolved, That the paper-makers in Pennſylvania be excuſed from proceeding with the aſſociators to New-Jerſey.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow.

SATURDAY, *July* 20, 1776.

Reſolved, That the letter from general Lee, with the papers incloſed, which were received and read yeſterday, be referred to the board of war.

Reſolved, That the thanks of the United States of America be given to major general Lee, colonel William Moultrie, colonel William Thompſon, and the officers and ſoldiers under their command, who, on the 28th of June laſt, repulſed, with ſo much valour, the attack which was made that day on the ſtate of South-Carolina, by the fleet and army of his Britannic majeſty:

That Mr. Preſident tranſmit the foregoing reſolution to general Lee, colonel Moultrie and colonel William Thompſon.

A petition and memorial of Monſieur Peliſſier was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the board of war.

The committee appointed to ſettle a cartel for the exchange of priſoners, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table, and that the ſame be taken into conſideration on Monday next.

The convention of Pennſylvania having directed the common priſoners to be removed from the new jail to the old, and the ſaid new jail to be given up to the Congreſs for the uſe of the ſtate priſoners:

Reſolved, That Robert Jewel be appointed keeper of the ſaid new jail, and that he take cuſtody of the priſoners committed to his charge.

Reſolved, That the plan of treaties be printed for the uſe of the members, under the reſtrictions and regulations preſcribed for printing the plan of confederation; and that, in the printed copy, the names of perſons, places and ſtates, be omitted.

Reſolved, That brigadier general Lewis be directed to forward

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to South-Carolina the whole five tons of powder ſent to him for the uſe of Virginia and South-Carolina.

Reſolved, That the ſum of three thouſand dollars, part of the ten thouſand dollars voted for the commiſſioners of indian affairs in the middle department, be advanced to Mr. J. Wilſon, to be by him forwarded to the commiſſioners appointed to attend the treaty at Pittſburgh.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 210 dollars be advanced to the captain of the guard, who is to eſcort the priſoners from New-Jerſey to the place of their deſtination, in order to defray expences; he to be accountable.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That a brevet commiſſion of lieutenant colonel be granted to Monſ. Jaque Antoine de Fruncheſſin, a knight of the order of St. Louis, an experienced officer in the French ſervice, and who is well recommended in letters from abroad; and that he be ordered to join the flying camp.

Reſolved, That Dr. Senter be recommended to Dr. Morgan, who is deſired to examine him, and, if upon examination he be found qualified, to employ him in the hoſpital as a ſurgeon.

A letter of the 19th, from general Waſhington, incloſing ſundry papers; and,

A letter of the 13th, from governor Trumbull, with a liſt of the cannon at New-London, were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the deputy quarter-maſter general for the flying camp, be directed to deliver to colonel Smallwood, for the uſe of the Maryland troops, ſuch neceſſaries in his poſſeſſion, belonging to the continent, as the ſaid troops may want.

The delegates of Pennſylvania produced credentials of a new appointment, which were read, as follows:

"In CONVENTION for the State of Pennſylvania,
Saturday, July 20, 1776.

The houſe met according to adjournment; when, according to the order of the day, they immediately proceeded to the election of delegates to ſerve in the Continental Congreſs, and choſe for that ſervice, Dr. Benjamin Franklin, col. George Roſs, George Clymer, Eſq; Robert Morris, Eſq; colonel James Wilſon, John Morton, Eſq; Dr. Benjamin Ruſh, col. James Smith and George Taylor, Eſq; True extract from the minutes,

JOHN MORRIS, Secretary."

Reſolved, That colonel Hazlet be ordered to march immediately with his battalion to Philadelphia, and there wait the farther orders of Congreſs.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 200,000 dollars be ſent to the deputy pay-maſter general for Virginia; he to be accountable.

The convention of Pennſylvania having recommended gentlemen for

for field officers of the battalion ordered to be raiſed for the defence of the weſtern frontiers, Congreſs proceeded to the election; when

Eneas M'Coy was elected colonel:

George Wilſon, lieutenant colonel:

Richard Butler, major.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 12,500 dollars be advanced to colonel M'Coy, for the bounty and expence of raiſing ſaid battalion; he to be accountable.

John Boyd was elected paymaſter to ſaid battalion.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To captain Dundee, for his ſubſiſtance to the 19th inſtant, and for carriage of baggage, 86 dollars:

To Dr. Beaumont, to the ſame date, 85 dollars and twenty-two-ninetieths:

To enſign M'Cleod, to the 20th inſtant, 110 dollars and ſixty-ninetieths:

To Finley Miller, ſurgeon's mate of the 26th regiment, to the 19th of July inſtant, 79 dollars:

To Arthur Wadman, lieutenant of the 26th regiment, to the 22d of July inſtant, 162 dollars and ſixty-ninetieths:

To James Gill, ſurgeon of artillery, to the 19th of July inſtant, 74 dollars:

To Jacob Shalek, lieutenant of artillery, to the 19th of July inſtant, 74 dollars:

To lieutenant Ibbetſon Hamar, to the 19th of July inſtant, 40 dollars:

To capt. Heſket, for carriage, 75 dollars and thirty-ninetieths; and that the ſame ought to be paid, agreeable to their requeſt, to Peter Dundee, captain of the royal fuzileers:

That there is due to Michael Brecht, for proviſions and attendance of ſick ſoldiers at Reading, the ſum of 17 dollars and forty-two-ninetieths:

To Bryan Lefferty, a hoſtage ſent from Tryon county, for his ſubſiſtance and expences thence to Philadelphia, 41 dollars and thirty ninetieths:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That Dr. Franklin may, if he thinks proper, return an anſwer to the letter he received from Lord Howe.

The committee appointed to deviſe ways and means for encreaſing the flying camp, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That brigadier general Lewis be directed to order two battalions of continental troops in Virginia, to march, with all poſſible diſpatch, to the flying camp in New-Jerſey, under the command of brigadier general Mercer; and that, if the governor and privy council of Virginia ſhall have reaſon to apprehend an invaſion of that ſtate, and ſhall call to its defence an equal number of

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minute men or militia, the ſame, while in ſervice, ſhall be on the pay and ſupport of the continent:

That the convention of Pennſylvania be requeſted to augment their quota for the flying camp, with four battalions of militia, and the convention of New-Jerſey to raiſe for the ſaid flying camp, three battalions of militia in addition to thoſe formerly deſired by Congreſs, and to ſend the ſame with all poſſible diſpatch to the ſaid flying camp. And that theſe ſeveral battalions be officered, paid and provided, as directed by the former reſolutions for forming the flying camp.

Reſolved, That in caſe Mr. Heyman Levy order any money to be paid in Albany to the deputy paymaſter general for the northern department, the ſame ſhall, upon advice of ſuch money ſo paid, be repaid to him or his order in Philadelphia.

Adjourned to nine o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *July* 22, 1776.

A letter of the 20th, from the convention of New-Jerſey, and one of the 19th, from Ephraim Anderſon, and a petition from Levy Allen, were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the letter from general Waſhington received and read on Saturday laſt, be referred to the board of war.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee reſpecting an exchange of priſoners; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the commander in chief in each department be impowered to negotiate an exchange of priſoners in the following manner, one continental officer, for one of the enemy of equal rank either in the land or ſea ſervice, ſoldier for ſoldier, ſailor for ſailor, and one citizen for another citizen:

That each ſtate hath a right to make any exchange they think proper for priſoners taken from them or by them.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral commanders in chief, in each department be directed to exchange any officer in the Britiſh ſervice, now a priſoner in any of theſe ſtates, of or under the rank of colonel, for colonel Eathan Allen.

Reſolved, That the perſons taken priſoners with colonel Eathan Allen be put upon the ſame footing as thoſe in the continental ſervice, and exchanged accordingly as opportunity preſents.

The Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the report of the committee on ways and means, and after debate, the ſame was diſ-agreed to.

The committee appointed to contract with Meſſrs. Hughes for one thouſand tons of cannon for the uſe of the United States, reported that they have executed the contract in which is a covenant to advance the ſaid Meſſrs. Hughes 8000 dollars.

Reſolved, That an order for 8000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Daniel and Samuel Hughes; they to be accountable.

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Reſolved, That the board of treaſury be directed to make immediate preparation for ſtriking a farther ſum of five millions of dollars in bills of credit.

Reſolved, That captain Joy have liberty to employ eight of the priſoners in the caſting of cannon.

The board of treaſury reported that they have examined the account of the committee of Lancaſter for preſerving the peace of the borough, keeping the priſoners in order, and for the protection of the magazines, and find that there is due for the pay of the guard, as follows,

39 days to captains at 26 dollars and two thirds p. month, 34 dollars and ſixty ninetieths:

76 days to lieutenants at 18 dollars p. month, 45 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths:

27 days to enſigns at 13 dollars and one third p. month, 12 dollars:

143 days to ſerjeants at 8 dollars per month, 38 dollars and twelve ninetieths:

421 dollars to corporals, fifes and drums at 7 dollars and one third p. month, 102 dollars and ſixty ninetieths:

1470 days to privates at 6 dollars and two thirds p. month, 326 dollars and ſixty ninetieths; the whole amounting to 559 dollars and ſixty-ſix ninetieths:

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

The Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the articles of confederation, and after ſome time, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported that the committee have made ſome progreſs in the matter to them referred, but not having come to a concluſion, deſire leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow again reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole to take into their farther conſideration the articles of confederation.

The marine committee having recommended the following gentlemen for officers of the Rawleigh, namely

Peter Shores,
John Wheelwright, } lieutenants:
Joſiah Shackford,

George Jerry Oſborne, captain of marines:
Stephen Meads, firſt lieutenant:
Nathaniel Thwing, ſecond lieutenant:

Reſolved, That they be accepted, and that commiſſions be granted them accordingly.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *July* 23, 1776.

Sundry letters were received and read, viz.

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Two from general Washington of the 21st and 22d, with three papers inclosed in the latter:

One of the 16th from governor Cooke:

Two from brigadier-general Mercer of the 20th and 22d, with two papers inclosed in the latter.

Resolved, That the letters from general Washington and brigadier general Mercer, be referred to the board of war.

Resolved, That the report of the committee on the cartel entered into, between brigadier general Arnold and captain Forster, and the resolutions passed thereon be published.

Resolved, That twenty dollars be advanced to Isaac Manes, a wounded soldier of captain Cheeseman's company, and that he be sent to the general hospital.

The board of war reported, that they have heard and considered the matters alledged against the arrangement made in the regiment ordered to be raised under colonel Du Boys, and are of opinion, that no good purpose would be answered by making any alteration therein; and although many worthy officers who served in Canada are yet unemployed, the board can only lament that they are not in the service, but hope something will in future turn up to enable Congress to place them in stations equal to their merit:

The same being again read, was agreed to.

On the remainder of the report from the board of war, the Congress came to the following resolutions:

That general Washington be informed that Congress have such an entire confidence in his judgment, that they will give him no particular directions about the disposition of the troops, but desire that he will dispose of those at New-York, the flying camp and Ticonderoga, as to him shall seem most conducive to the public good:

That the Congress approve of general Washington's having lent to the convention of New-York, the sum of money mentioned in his letter of the 19th instant:

That Mons. St. Martin be appointed an engineer with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and that he be directed to repair to New-York, and put himself under the command of general Washington.

Resolved, That Dr. David Griffith be appointed to the stations of chaplain and surgeon in the third Virginia battalion, he being a person of uncommon merit, and there being very few surgeons of abilities, who will enter the army in that state: This appointment not to be drawn into precedent:

That Mr. Griffith draw pay in both these capacities for the time he has served in the regiment.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To Dennis Lefferty, for 26 weeks board, the sum of 52 dollars, and that the same ought to be paid to Timothy Matlack:

To William White, for boarding general Lee's guard, the ſum of 40 dollars and ſixty-ninetieths:

To George Haas, for carrying money to New-York, the ſum of 26 dollars and ſixty-ninetieths:

To William Bradford, for the expence of a guard eſcorting money to New-York, the ſum of 88 dollars & fifty-ſeven-ninetieths:

To Rachel Evans, for boarding a ſick ſoldier, the ſum of 3 dollars:

To Robert Owen, jun. for proviſions furniſhed ſeveral riffle companies, 64 dollars and eighty-ſix-ninetieths:

To Peter Groſels, for proviſions to ſeveral riffle companies, the ſum of 61 dollars and forty-ſix-ninetieths, and that this ought to be paid to Robert Owen, jun.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That in order to haſten the march of the troops, the ſeveral committees of Lancaſter, York, Cumberland, Berks and Northampton counties, in Pennſylvania, be impowered to muſter the troops that ſhall march from their reſpective counties, and to draw for one month's pay on Mr. James Meaſe, and that they certify the muſter-rolls and ſend to the paymaſter the receipts for the monies that ſhall be ſo advanced.

Reſolved, That a member be added to the board of treaſury, in the room of one abſent:

The member choſen, Mr. G. Clymer.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the articles of confederation; and after ſome time, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee have made farther progreſs in the matter to them referred, but not having come to a concluſion, deſired leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow again reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the articles of confederation.

A petition from a number of inhabitants of Cheſter county, in Pennſylvania, was preſented to Congreſs and read; praying, that John Griffith, a ſoldier in the continental army, an experienced artificer in making and dreſſing fullers ſhears, may be releaſed from the army, and ordered to return home to follow his trade:

Reſolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A petition from ſundry Canadians was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the Canada committee.

The marine committee having recommended Richard Palmes to be captain of marines:

Reſolved, That he be accepted, and that a commiſſion be granted to him accordingly.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

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WEDNESDAY, *July* 24, 1776.

A letter from lieutenant colonel William Allen was laid before Congreſs and read; requeſting leave to reſign his commiſſion:

Reſolved, That leave be granted.

The marine committee having recommended Benjamin Thompſon to be a lieutenant of marines in captain Palmes's company:

Reſolved, That he be accepted, and that a commiſſion be granted to him accordingly.

Reſolved, That the committee appointed to reviſe the journals, be impowered to employ a proper perſon to make an index thereto.

The board of treaſury reported, that the pay of brigadier general Wooſter, commencing the 22d day of June, 1775, and calculated to the 22d day of July, 1776, being thirteen months, at 125 dollars per month, amounts to 1625 dollars; out of which is to be deducted one hundred and ſeventy-three dollars and twenty-four ſeventy-two parts of a dollar, paid him by John Winſlow, Eſq; the paymaſter; the reſidue due to the general is 1451 dollars and forty-eight ſeventy-two parts of a dollar:

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 100 dollars be advanced to captain Robert Johnſon, to be deducted out of his pay on the ſettlement of his account.

A petition from George Kills was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the board of war.

The Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee appointed to prepare a reſolution for confiſcating the property of the ſubjects of Great-Britain; whereupon,

Reſolved, That all the reſolutions of this Congreſs paſſed on the twenty-third day of March laſt, and on the third day of April laſt, relating to ſhips and other veſſels, their tackle, apparel and furniture, and all goods, wares and merchandizes, belonging to any inhabitant or inhabitants of Great-Britain, taken on the high ſeas, or between high and low water mark, be extended to all ſhips and other veſſels, their tackle, apparel and furniture, and to all goods, wares and merchandizes, belonging to any ſubject or ſubjects of the king of Great-Britain; except the inhabitants of the Bermudas, and Providence or Bahama iſlands.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the regiment of rangers, now in the pay of the ſtate of South-Carolina, be placed upon continental eſtabliſhment, and that it conſiſt of a lieutenant colonel commandant, a major, ten captains, twenty lieutenants, a ſurgeon, a paymaſter, twenty ſerjeants, and five hundred privates:

That the pay of the lieutenant colonel commandant of rangers, be the ſame as that of a colonel of foot; the major's pay that of a lieutenant

lieutenant colonel; the captains that of a major; the lieutenants that of a captain; and the ſerjeants that of an enſign of foot of the continental forces. That the ſurgeon be allowed 33 dollars and one third a month; the paymaſter 26 dollars and two thirds; and the privates 12 dollars and one half per month, to provide themſelves with horſes, guns and proviſions for themſelves and horſes:

That the ſaid rangers be liable to act on horſeback or foot, as occaſion may require:

That the like number of rangers be raiſed in the ſtate of Georgia, and put upon continental eſtabliſhment:

That theſe be entitled to the ſame pay, and ſubject to the ſame duties as the Carolina rangers:

That the rangers raiſed in the ſtate of South-Carolina be ſubject to the articles formed by the convention of that ſtate, for the government of the forces raiſed therein.

Reſolved, That colonel Knox's plan for raiſing another battalion of artillery be approved and carried into execution as ſoon as poſſible:

That general Waſhington be deſired to recommend proper officers to compoſe this corps.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be impowered to agree to the exchange of governor Skene for Mr. James Lovell:

That general Waſhington be authoriſed to take into continental pay the horſe propoſed by Mr. Lary, upon the terms by him mentioned.

On motion,

Reſolved, That the report of the committee on gold and ſilver coins be recommitted:

That Mr. Jefferſon be added to that committee.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take into conſideration, and report their opinion, on the propoſal made by the preſident of South-Carolina, and communicated to the houſe by a delegate of that ſtate, reſpecting general Lee:

The members choſen, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Rutledge and Mr. Hall.

The Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the articles of confederation; and, after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee have made farther progreſs in the matter to them referred, but not having finiſhed, deſire leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow again reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the articles of confederation.

A letter from general Waſhington of the 23d, with ſundry papers encloſed, among which was a letter from Mr. Fraeſh to lord Stirling; alſo,

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A letter from the council of ſafety of North-Carolina being received and read:

Reſolved, That the letter from Mr. Fraeſh to lord Stirling be referred to the committee appointed to contract for caſting cannon:

That the general's letter, with the other papers incloſed, be referred to the board war.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *July* 25, 1776.

Reſolved, That two months pay be advanced to Monſ. Jacque Antoine de Francheſſin; he to be accountable.

A memorial of Samuel Holden Parſons, of Lyme in Connecticut, was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members choſen, Mr. Jefferſon, Mr. Wilſon and Mr. Sherman.

A memorial from ſundry officers who ſerved in Canada, and are now unemployed, was laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved That it be referred to the board of war.

Agreeable to order, the Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the articles of confederation; after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee have made farther progreſs in the conſideration of the articles of confederation; but not having gone through, deſired leave to ſit again.

A letter of the 23d from general Waſhington, incloſing a letter from governor Trumbull to the general; alſo,

A letter from governor Trumbull of the 19th, with ſundry depoſitions; and,

One of the 16th, from the committee of ſafety of New-Hampſhire, were laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the letter from general Waſhington be referred to the board of war.

The committee of claims reported, that there is due,

To Francis Gurney, for expences of himſelf and others, eſcorting money to Cambridge in February laſt, the ſum of 162 dollars and eighty-four ninetieths, over and beſide the monies advanced to him:

To Henry Wiſner, Eſq; for the expences of an expreſs paid by him, the ſum of twenty dollars:

To Thomas Dewees, for boarding priſoners of ſtate, 437 dollars and ſixty-eight ninetieths:

To David Lennox, for expences in going after deſerters, the ſum of 31 dollars and eighty-ſix ninetieths; to be paid to David Sproat:

To William Trickett, for ſtationary, the ſum of 43 dollars and ſeventy-ſix ninetieths:

To

To Philip Nolan, for ferriages of general Lee's guards, 4 dollars and twelve ninetieths:

To Elizabeth Slaving, for boarding and nurſing a ſick ſoldier, 4 dollars:

To J. Piling, for chairs for the war office, the ſum of 12 dollars:

To John Kerling, for proviſions for general Lee's guards, 4 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths:

To Iſaac Cooper, for his attendance as a guard over powder, the ſum of 11 dollars:

To Furman and Hunt, for neceſſaries furniſhed the priſoners at Trenton, the ſum of 47 dollars and eighty-ſeven ninetieths:

To John Bates, for camp-kettles, the ſum of ninety-eight dollars and ſixty ninetieths:

To Elijah Bennet, poſt-rider in the ſervice of the United States, from Harford in Connecticut to various places, the ſum of 1331 dollars and ſixty-ſix ninetieths, deducting 819 dollars and eighty-ſix ninetieths, which he has received from the colony of Connecticut, the balance being 511 dollars and ſeventy ninetieths:

To Michael Philips, employed by brigadier general Wooſter in making ſundry repairs in the citadel and hoſpital in Montreal, carting, &c. 397 dollars and ſeventy-five ninetieths, deducting the ſum of 96 dollars and ſeven ninetieths, which he received from major Nicholſon, the balance being 301 dollars and ſixty-eight ninetieths:

To James Budden, for the expence of a detachment of the troop of light horſe eſcorting 300,000 dollars to New-York, the ſum of 82 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into farther conſideration the articles of confederation.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to morrow.

FRIDAY, *July* 26, 1776.

Congreſs proceeded to the election of three commiſſioners to liquidate and ſettle the accounts in the northern department; and the ballots being taken,

Mr. James Milligan, Mr. John Carter and Mr. Wells were elected.

The committee on the treaſury laid before Congreſs the account of Meſſrs. Price and Haywood, with the balance due to them:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Reſolved, That the ſubſtance of the conference between general Waſhington and adjutant general Patterſon, which was tranſmitted to Congreſs by general Waſhington, be publiſhed.

Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into farther conſideration the articles of confederation, and after ſome

ſome time, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported, that the committee have made farther progreſs, but not having concluded, deſire leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will on Monday next reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into farther conſideration the articles of confederation.

Reſolved, That an order for 2000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Dr. W. Shippen; he to be accountable.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *July* 29, 1776.

Sundry letters were laid before Congreſs and read, viz.

Three from general Waſhington of the 22d, 25th and 27th:

One from general Schuyler of the 17th, and one from general Gates of the 16th:

One of the 25th from J. Reed, adjutant-general; and one from brigadier-general Mercer of the 26th:

One of the 20th from governor Trumbull:

One of the 25th from the convention of New-Jerſey, and one from the council of Maſſachuſetts-Bay:

One from Monſ. Kirmovan, engineer, with a plan and draughts; and one in Latin without ſignature:

Alſo two petitions, one from George Nicholſon, and one from James Livingſton.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be impowered to appoint another aid de camp:

That the letters from general Waſhington, general Schuyler and general Gates, and the letter from Monſ. Kirmovan be referred to the board of war:

That the letter from the convention of New-Jerſey be referred to the committee on the ways and means of augmenting the flying camp, and that Mr. Clark be added to the ſaid committee:

That the letter from the adjutant-general be referred to the committee appointed to reviſe the articles of war:

That the petition of James Nicholſon be referred to the commiſſioners who went to Canada:

That the petition from George Nicholſon be referred to the committee on Canada affairs:

That the latin letter be referred to the marine committee.

Reſolved, That an order for 47 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Joſiah Fiſſenden, in full for ſervice, expences, and horſe-hire.

A letter of the 20th from the council of Virginia was received and read.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved,

Resolved, That general Washington be impowered to order the regiment lately raised in Connecticut under the command of colonel Ward, wheresoever he shall think the service requires it:

That Mons. Jean Artur de Virmonet, who appears to be a young gentleman of merit, and has held a lieutenant's commission, in the service of France, be appointed a brevet captain; and that Mons. Marie Fidel Dorre, be sent as a volunteer, to be employed by general Washington, as he shall think proper:

That Mons. Christopher Pelliser, who has suffered considerably by warmly espousing and taking an active part in the cause of America in Canada, be appointed an engineer in the service of the United States, with the pay of sixty dollars a month, and rank of lieutenant-colonel, and that he be directed to repair to New-York:

That the returns of colonel Elmore's regiment made into the war office by brigadier-general Wooster be transmitted to general Washington with blank commissions for the officers: And that general Washington be directed to order the said regiment to join him, and that he fill up the said commissions with the names of such officers as appear with their respective companies in the said regiment:

That John Brown be commissioned as lieutenant-colonel, and that Robert Cockran, now acting as eldest captain in the said regiment, be commissioned as major of the same in the room of major J. Curtis, deceased.

Resolved, That a lieutenant-colonel be appointed for the second Pennsylvania battalion in the room of W. Allen, who has resigned:

The ballots being taken,

Joseph Wood, Esq; was elected.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into their consideration the articles of confederation, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported that the committee have made farther progress in the articles of confederation, but not having finished, desire leave to sit again.

A petition from Samuel Morris was presented to Congress and read.

The committee on spies brought in a farther report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That the gaoler be directed to allow the prisoners from North-Carolina the use and benefit of the yard, under the inspection of the guard, provided it may be done with safety.

Resolved, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into farther consideration the articles of confederation.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, *July* 30, 1776.

A letter of the 28th from brigadier-general Mercer was laid before Congreſs and read, requeſting ſix light-horſe may be ſent to him; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the preſident write to S. Morris, Eſq; captain of the light-horſe, and requeſt him to ſend ſix of his company to brigadier-general Mercer.

Congreſs being informed by a letter from the preſident of South-Carolina, that the Cherokees have commenced hoſtilities againſt that ſtate, and that he has ordered a body of men to march againſt them, and has applied for aſſiſtance to the neighbouring ſtates of North-Carolina and Virginia;

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the ſtates of Virginia, North-Carolina and Georgia, to afford all neceſſary aſſiſtance to the ſtate of South-Carolina, and co-operate with that ſtate in proſecuting the war againſt the indians with the utmoſt vigour;

That the preſident write to the governor and council of Virginia, the council of ſafety of North-Carolina, and the preſident of Georgia, relative to the above ſubjects.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take into conſideration, the ſtate of North-Carolina, and report thereon to Congreſs:

The members choſen, Mr. Harriſon, Mr. S. Adams, and Mr. Lynch.

Congreſs took into conſideration, the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the cauſes of the miſcarriages in Canada, wherein they repreſent as their opinion:

"That the ſhort inliſtments of the continental troops in Canada, have been one great cauſe of the miſcarriages there, by rendering unſtable the number of men engaged in military enterprizes, by making them diſorderly and diſobedient to their officers, and by precipitating the commanding officers into meaſures which their prudence might have poſtponed, could they have relied on a longer continuance of their troops in ſervice:

"That the want of hard money has been one other great ſource of the miſcarriages in Canada, rendering the ſupplies of neceſſaries difficult and precarious, the eſtabliſhment of proper magazines abſolutely impracticable, and the pay of the troops of little uſe to them:

"That a ſtill greater and more fatal ſource of misfortunes has been the prevalence of the ſmall-pox in that army; a great proportion whereof has thereby been uſually kept unfit for duty."

With this the Congreſs concurred.

On the farther conſideration of the report, Congreſs came to the following reſolutions:

That colonel Beadle be tried by a court martial for leaving his command at the Cedars, and for declining to return to the ſame with major Sherburne's reinforcement:

That major Butterfield be tried by a court martial for ſurrendering to the enemy the poſt at the Cedars, and alſo ſuch other officers as were with him, and conſented to that ſurrender.

The ſaid committee having farther reported, that, in the courſe of their enquiries, they had reaſon to believe, that general Preſcot's baggage was plundered by ſome licentious perſons, in violation of the faith of the capitulation; whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Schuyler be deſired to make ſtrict enquiry into the ſame, that the perſons guilty thereof may receive due puniſhment, and ample indemnification be made to general Preſcot:

That colonel Beadle, Doctor Fay and lieutenant Houſe, be ſubjected to this enquiry.

Reſolved, That ſo much of the petitions of colonel Eaſton and major Brown, as prays, that the charges againſt them of having been concerned in plundering the officers baggage taken at Sorrel, be ſubmitted to a court of enquiry, is reaſonable, and that general Schuyler be deſired to order courts of enquiry on them as ſoon as poſſible.

Reſolved, That general Montgomery's promiſe to give to the troops concerned in taking the veſſels on the Sorrel, "all the public ſtores, except ammunition and proviſions, on board thereof," be confirmed; and that general Schuyler be directed to cauſe an enquiry to be made into the particulars and value of the ſaid public ſtores, (ammunition and proviſion excepted) and to certify the ſame to Congreſs, with the names of the officers and ſoldiers entitled thereto:

That ſo much of major Brown's petition as prays, that an allowance be made to him for extraordinary ſervices, be referred to geral Schuyler, who is deſired to certify to Congreſs, whether any and what reward may with juſtice be demanded by him:

That major Brown's accounts be ſettled by the commiſſioners appointed to adjuſt accounts in the northern department.

Reſolved, That the committee be diſcharged from proceeding on ſo much of the petition of colonel Eaſton, as prays a continuance of his rank and pay, and ſo much of major Brown's petition, as prays an examination into his rank and pay, and that they be referred to the board of war:

That general Schuyler be deſired to enquire into the conduct of colonel Hazen, who is charged with having beaten and ill treated Francois Cuillot de la Roſe, a continental captain of Canadian militia, and alſo to have ill treated Charles Robert de la Fontaine, a Canadian, at Chamblé, and put ſuch conduct into a proper channel for trial and puniſhment:

That

That it be recommended to general Schuyler, whenever the pay of officers or ſoldiers is ſtopped, on account of any charge againſt them, to have ſuch charge determined by trial as ſpeedily as poſſible, that there may be no delay of juſtice.

Reſolved, That general Wooſter acted properly in ſtopping the goods of Bernard and Wadden, who were carrying the ſame, without permiſſion, to the indians in the upper country.

Reſolved, That the committee have leave to ſit again, and that they be inſtructed to enquire in what manner the goods of Bernard and Wadden were diſpoſed of.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſupply the three riffle companies, now in town from Lancaſter, with 11 lb. of powder and 44 lb. of lead.

Reſolved, That 500,000 dollars be ſent to the paymaſter general:

That 60,000 dollars be ſent to R. Dallam, deputy paymaſter general, for the uſe of the flying camp.

Congreſs proceeded to the election of a clerk or aſſiſtant to the auditor general; when,

William Govet was elected.

Reſolved, That William Govet be allowed the ſalary of 533 dollars and one-third per annum.

Reſolved, That all public claims and accounts, that are at this time unſettled, be referred to the committee of treaſury, and that the committee of claims be diſcharged from proceeding further upon any claims or accounts; and that all the books and papers, in the hands of the committee of claims, be delivered to the auditor general.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the reſolution of the 17th of January laſt, allowing to officers 1 dollar and one-third for every man they inliſt, be extended to officers who inliſt for the new army for three years:

That general Mercer's letter, relative to the building of boats, be referred to general Waſhington, with direction to give ſuch orders therein as he ſhall judge neceſſary; and that he be deſired to avail himſelf of the ſhipwrights, and other artificers now in the flying camp:

That general Mercer be allowed a ſecretary, while he has a ſeparate command:

That a number of 4 and 6 pounders, not exceeding ten of each, be immediately ſent to general Mercer, to be mounted on the works he is now erecting; and that the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania be requeſted to forward them to Amboy in New-Jerſey:

That Congreſs approve of general Schuyler's intention to publiſh ſuch parts of the treaty with the ſix nations, as may have a tendency to diſpel the apprehenſions of the frontier inhabitants:

That the commiſſioners for indian affairs, in the middle department,

time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported, that the committee have made farther progress, but not having come to a conclusion, desired leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the articles of confederation.

A letter of the 30th of July from general Washington, with sundry papers inclosed; also one from general Schuyler of the 20th, and one from colonel Dubois of the 17th, were laid before Congress and read:

Resolved, That they be referred to the board of war.

The board of war reported the draught of a letter to general Washington, in answer to his directed to them; and the same being agreed to:

Ordered, That it be transcribed, signed by the president, and forwarded.

The said board brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That colonel John Brown be allowed the rank and pay of lieutenant colonel in the continental army, from the 20th day of November last to this time:

That James Easton is intitled to the rank of a colonel in the continental army, from the first day of July, 1775, and to the pay of a colonel from that day, until he shall be discharged, which ought to be done as soon as a court of enquiry shall report in his favour, or a court martial shall determine upon his conduct, and their sentence is carried into execution; there being no vacancy, to which he can be appointed. But should he be honourably acquitted, his past services will recommend him to the confidence of Congress for future employment.

Resolved, That an order for 2666 dollars and two-thirds be drawn on the treasurers, in favour of Ludwick Karcher, for victualling the militia passing through Philadelphia to the flying camp; he to be accountable.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *August* 2, 1776.

Resolved, That two months pay be advanced to Monsr. Pellisier; he to be accountable.

Resolved, That the secret committee and marine committee be discharged from fitting out vessels with cargoes to Bermudas.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That 200,000 dollars be sent to Jon. Trumbull, Esq; deputy paymaster general in the northern department:

That general Washington be instructed to employ, in the service of the states, as many of the Stockbridge indians as he shall judge proper:

That

That one hundred old arms, belonging to Congreſs, be delivered to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania, to be repaired at the continental expence, and put into the hands of the ſoldiers deſtined for the flying camp; the ſaid council to be accountable:

That the paymaſter general, and the ſeveral deputy paymaſters general, be directed to make weekly returns to Congreſs of the ſtate of the military cheſts under their direction:

That Jonathan Trumbull, Eſq; deputy pay maſter general in the northern army, be directed to tranſmit to Congreſs, as ſoon as poſſible, an account of all the monies which have paſſed through his hands, ſince his appointment to that office:

That the commiſſary general, and deputy commiſſaries in the ſeveral departments, be directed to tranſmit to Congreſs weekly, an account of the ſums of money they may reſpectively receive from the paymaſters:

That the quarter maſter general, and deputy quarter maſters general in the ſeveral departments, be directed to tranſmit weekly to Congreſs, an account of the monies they reſpectively receive from the paymaſter general or deputy paymaſter general:

That the commiſſary general, quarter maſter general, deputy commiſſaries and deputy quarter maſters general, be directed to make monthly returns, at leaſt, of the ſtores under their direction, and the diſtribution of them:

That the commanding officer in each department be directed to make returns, once a month to Congreſs, of the draughts made by him upon the paymaſter, in his department.

Reſolved, That Mr. Walton be appointed a member of the marine committee, in the room of Mr. Gwinnet who is abſent.

Reſolved, That 100 dollars be advanced to Thaddeus Sturges, to be accounted for by him, and deducted out of his pay on the ſettlement of his accounts; that the board of treaſury be diſcharged from proceeding on his accounts, and that they be referred for ſettlement to the commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts in the northern department.

The marine committee, to whom it was referred to inquire into the conduct of commodore Hopkins, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table, to be taken into conſideration on Monday next.

Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the articles of confederation, and after ſome time, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported, that the committee not having finiſhed, deſired leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the articles of confederation.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To

To Benjamin Thompſon, for 131 days ſervice, viz. from the firſt of December to the laſt of May incluſive, as clerk of the hoſpital at Montreal, at the rate of two-thirds of a dollar per day, 122 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *Auguſt* 3, 1776.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To Thomas Whitbeck, for carrying money from Philadelphia to Ticonderoga, in October laſt, the ſum of 75 dollars and one-fourth:

To Samuel Johnſon, for 209 meals of victuals, 20 dollars and eighty-one-ninetieths:

To George Hoffnagle, 1 dollar and forty-five-ninetieths:

To Michael Staddleman, for 708 meals of victuals, 70 dollars and ſeventy-two-ninetieths;

To Richard Chiney, for 540 meals furniſhed the militia on their march to New-Jerſey, 54 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The committee on the miſcarriages in Canada, brought in a farther report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table, to be taken into conſideration on Monday next.

A letter from Neil M'Clean was laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the board of war.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *Auguſt* 5, 1776.

Two letters from general Waſhington, of the 31ſt of July and 2d of Auguſt; one from the council of Virginia, of the 27th of July, with copies of ſundry letters from North Carolina and South Carolina, incloſed; one from E. Anderſon, of the 31ſt of July; and ſundry reſolutions paſſed by the convention of Pennſylvania, were laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That they be referred to the board of war.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the commanders of all ſhips of war and armed veſſels in the ſervice of theſe ſtates, or any of them, and all letters of marque and privateers, be permitted to inliſt into ſervice on board the ſaid ſhips and veſſels, any ſeamen who may be taken on board any of the ſhips or veſſels of our enemies, and that no ſuch ſeamen be intitled to receive the wages due to them out of the ſaid prizes, but ſuch as will ſo inliſt, and that all other ſeamen ſo taken be held as priſoners of war, and exchanged for others taken by the

the enemy, whether on board of veſſels of war or merchantmen, as there may be opportunity:

That lieutenant colonel Rufus Putnam be appointed an engineer with the rank of colonel and pay of ſixty dollars a month.

A petition from Eſek Hopkins, commander in chief of the continental fleet, was preſented to Congreſs and read; ſetting forth, that "he has been informed that certain complaints, interrogatories and report, charging him with ſundry crimes and miſdemeanors, had been exhibited to the Honourable Congreſs; the purport of which complaints, &c. he is ignorant of; and praying that he may be furniſhed with copies thereof, and of all other proceedings againſt him, which are now before this honourable body; and that time may be allowed him to prepare for, and a day aſſigned for his being heard before Congreſs in his own defence."

Reſolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted, and that Friday next be appointed for hearing commodore Hopkins.

Reſolved, That the marine committee be directed to order the ſhips and armed veſſels, belonging to the continent, out on ſuch cruiſes as they ſhall think proper.

Reſolved, That Monday next be aſſigned for hearing and determining the appeal againſt the verdict and ſentence paſſed on the ſchooner Thiſtle.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to the Delaware battalion, as many of the arms lately imported as will be neceſſary to arm them compleatly:

That they deliver to the council of ſafety of Delaware government, 193 of the ſaid arms, in lieu of ſo many had from them:

That the remainder of the ſaid arms be delivered to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania, who are to be accountable.

Reſolved, That the Delaware battalion, when armed, be ordered to New-Jerſey, ſubject to the farther orders and directions of the general.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To J. Symes, a priſoner of the royal highland emigrants, 28 dollars, for 14 weeks allowance, from the 24th of April to the 30th of July:

Ordered, That the ſaid account be paid.

Ordered, That the board of war furniſh the committee of treaſury with the names of the Britiſh officers and other priſoners, who are entitled to the allowance made by Congreſs of two dollars a week, with the times of their captivity, and the places where they are quartered.

Reſolved, That the pay of an aſſiſtant clerk to the board of war be 266 dollars and two-thirds a year.

Reſolved, That an order for 1000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers, in favour of Francis Lewis, Eſq; and that the ſame be

charged to the account of the paymaſter general; it being for ſo much received by him, by the order of Mr. Lewis.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report on Meſſrs. Price and Haywood's accounts, and after ſome debate,

Reſolved, That the ſaid accounts be recommitted and that the commiſſioners to Canada be deſired to attend the board of treaſury at the examination of the ſaid accounts.

Reſolved, That an order for 53 dollars and one third be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of Monſr. Artur Vermonit, it being two months advance, for which he is to be accountable.

A petition from Lewis de Linkenſdorff was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the board of war.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the cauſes of the miſcarriages in Canada, and after debate,

Reſolved, That it be re-committed.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *Auguſt* 6, 1776.

A letter of the 5th from general Waſhington, encloſing copies of letters between him and general Howe reſpecting the exchange of priſoners, and ſundry other letters and papers:

Alſo one from brigadier-general Mercer of the 4th, were laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That they be referred to the board of war.

Reſolved, That the medical committee be directed to ſupply the director-general of the hoſpital with ſuch medicines as he may want.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to the delegates of North-Carolina half a ton of powder for the uſe of the frontier inhabitants of that ſtate.

Reſolved, That general Schuyler be directed to apply to general Burgoyne, and propoſe a general exchange of priſoners on the terms agreed to by Congreſs, and particularly the delivering brigadier-general Preſcot in poſſeſſion of the United States, in lieu of brigadier-general Thompſon, in the poſſeſſion of the enemy.

A letter from the convention of New-Jerſey to their delegates, was laid before Congreſs and read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the convention of the ſtate of New-Jerſey be requeſted to make ſuch proviſion for keeping open the communication between that ſtate and New-York, by way of the ferries over the rivers Paſſaick and Hackinſack, as to them ſhall appear to be moſt effectual, and that Congreſs will reimburſe the expences of ſuch ſervice to the ſtate of New-Jerſey:

That it be recommended in the moſt earneſt manner to the convention of New-Jerſey, to order their militia immediately to march and join brigadier-general Mercer. *Reſolved*,

Resolved, That the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department be directed to inquire, and inform Congress, whether it will be most for the public good, that the troops raised and to be raised for the garrisons on the Ohio and its waters, should be supplied with provisions by contract or by a commissary: That if a commissary be thought necessary, they recommend some proper person for that office to Congress, in the mean time take such measures as they think best for victualling the said troops.

Resolved, That a member be added to the committee appointed to inquire into, and remedy the defects of the powder made at the mills:

The member chosen, Mr. Rush.

Mr. G. Clymer, one of the joint treasurers being appointed a delegate to Congress, by the convention of Pennsylvania:

Resolved, That for the future there be only one continental treasurer.

Resolved, That an additional sum of three hundred dollars be given to each of the continental treasurers, on account of their extraordinary trouble, and faithful service, during the last year.

Congress resolved itself, into the committee of the whole to take into consideration, the articles of confederation, and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported that the committee not having come to a conclusion, desired leave to sit again.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the council of safety of Pennsylvania to stop Mr. Wilmore from proceeding to New-York.

Resolved, That this Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole to take into consideration, the articles of confederation.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *August* 7, 1776.

Resolved, That an order for 5000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of the committee of Lancaster, for the purpose of carrying into execution, the resolution of Congress, respecting the prisoners, the said committee to be accountable:

That an order for 30,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer in favour of James Mease for the use of the militia marching to New-Jersey, he to be accountable.

Resolved, That James Brisben, who is employed in the post-office, be excused from military duty.

A letter from captain N. Biddle to the marine committee was laid before Congress, and read; whereupon,

Resolved, That general Washington be directed to propose an exchange of lieutenant Josiah, for a lieutenant of the navy of Great-Britain, and that the general remonstrate to lord Howe on the

the cruel treatment lieutenant Joſiah has met with, of which the Congreſs have received undoubted information.

Reſolved, That Dr. Ruſh be added to the medical committee.

A memorial from George Meaſam was preſented to Congreſs, and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the board of war.

The committee appointed to reviſe the articles of war brought in their report.

The board of war reported that there is due,

To Meſſrs. Giaſſon, Hertel and de la Magdelaine, Canadian priſoners at Briſtol for their board and lodging, from the 15th of November to the 31ſt July laſt, being thirty ſeven weeks, each at 2 dollars a week, 222 dollars, and that the ſame ought to be paid, to John Green their aſſignee:

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration, the articles of confederation, and after ſome time, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported, that the committee not having yet finiſhed, deſired leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the articles of confederation.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY. *Auguſt* 8, 1776.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 700 dollars be paid to Jonathan Meredith, in full of Ephraim Blaine's draught in his favour, for ſhoes purchaſed from him for the uſe of the continental army; and that the ſame be charged to the account of the ſaid Ephraim Blaine.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 60,000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of New-Hampſhire, for the uſe of that ſtate, which is to be accountable.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania, to take proper meaſures for providing quarters, for the troops paſſing through Philadelphia to the flying camp, during their continuance in this city.

Reſolved, That the colonel or commanding officer of the Delaware battalion, and the colonels or commanding officers of the ſeveral battalions of militia now in Philadelphia, be ordered inſtantly to march to Amboy in New-Jerſey; and that ſuch of the militia, as want arms be left under a proper officer, till they can be provided therewith, and then marched without any farther delay:

That the board of war be directed to ſee this reſolution carried into immediate execution.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to take into immediate conſideration, the ſtate of the army in the northern department, and our naval force on the lakes; and that Mr. Chaſe be directed to attend

attend the ſaid board, and give them all the information in his power; and that Mr. Williams be deſired to furniſh the ſaid board with an extract of the letter he has received from governor Trumbull, relative to the ſaid army and naval force; and that the ſaid board report thereon as ſoon as poſſible.

Two letters from general Waſhington, with ſundry papers incloſed; one from general Schuyler, dated at the German Flats, Auguſt the 1ſt; one of the 29th of July from general Gates, with copies of two letters incloſed, were received and read.

Reſolved, That a letter be written to general Lee, to inform him of the intelligence received, that the troops from Charleſtown are arrived at New-York; and to direct him, in caſe the Britiſh troops have left the ſouthern colonies, to repair with all poſſible expedition to Philadelphia, and there wait the orders of Congreſs.

Reſolved, That to-morrow be aſſigned for electing four major generals and ſix brigadier generals.

Reſolved, That the poſt-riders be exempted from military duty.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to ſupply col. Galbreath with 9 lb. of powder, and 27 lb. of lead, for the uſe of three companies of his battalion.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To George Kennedy, for three riffles purchaſed in Frederick county, Virginia, for the uſe of captain Morgan's company of rifflemen, and to be charged to the ſaid company, the ſum of 40 dollars:

To William Web, for ſervices in and articles purchaſed for the uſe of the treaſury office, 137 dollars and fifty-four-ninetieths; to be charged to the account of contingent expences:

To captain Thomas Haſlet, for ſubſiſtance of 13 men of his company, on their march from Cheſter county to New-Jerſey, 9 dollars and eighty-two-ninetieths:

To captain Benjamin Wallace, for ſubſiſtance of his company, on their march from Cheſter county to New-Jerſey, 32 dollars and twety-ninetieths:

To captain Matthew Boyd, for ſubſiſtance of 53 men of his company, in col. Moore's battalion, on their march from Cheſter county to New-Jerſey, 27 dollars and forty-two-ninetieths:

To Tobias Rudolph, for the hire of two horſes and a chair, by captain Alexander Graydon, to conduct money to Ticonderoga, and for one of the ſaid horſes which was loſt at Albany, 125 dollars and fifty-four-ninetieths:

To Mr. Smith, at the city tavern, for the expence of a guard at his houſe, over priſoners of war brought from Burlington, 16 dollars and twenty-ſeven-ninetieths:

To John Tomkins, for the ſubſiſtance of captains Crowlle's, Heiſter's and Ludwigg's companies of militia, on their march to New-Jerſey, 21 dollars and thirty-ſix-ninetieths:

To

To captain James M'Candleſs, for ſubſiſtance and ferriages of his company of the 4th battalion of York county militia, on their march to New-Jerſey, 41 dollars and ſeventy-eight-ninetieths:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That an order for 2000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of the delegates of Georgia, for the uſe of the continental forces in that ſtate; the ſaid delegates to be accountable.

Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the articles of confederation, and after ſome time, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported, that the committee have made farther progreſs in the matter referred to them, but not having come to a concluſion, deſired leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the articles of confederation.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *Auguſt* 9, 1776.

Congreſs having proceeded to the election of a regimental paymaſter for the Delaware battalion,

John Yates, Eſq; was elected.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to deviſe a plan for encouraging the Heſſians and other foreigners employed by the king of Great-Britain, and ſent to America for the purpoſe of ſubjugating theſe ſtates, to quit that iniquitous ſervice:

The members choſen, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Jefferſon & Mr. Stockton.

The board of war brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to the order of the board of war, ſuch articles in their poſſeſſion, belonging to the continent, as, in the opinion of the ſaid board of war, are neceſſary for the Delaware battalion:

That the ſaid committee be directed to ſend to general Waſhington 30,000 flints.

A petition from William Bell and company was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the committee on governor Trumbull's letter.

Reſolved, That Mr. Meaſe be directed to ſupply the captains, now in Philadelphia, belonging to colonel Hand's battalion, with ſuch ſums of money as will be ſufficient to pay the bounty voted to non-commiſſioned officers and ſoldiers, who inliſt for three years.

The delegates of Pennſylvania and Maryland, to whom the petition of Lewis de Linkenſdorf was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That Lewis de Linkenſdorf be appointed adjutant to the German battalion, ordered to be raiſed for the continental ſervice.

Agreeable

Agreeable to the order of the day, Congreſs proceeded to the election of four major-generals and ſix brigadier-generals, when the following gentlemen were choſen: viz.

William Heath, Joſeph Spencer, John Sullivan, and Nathaniel Green, Eſqrs; major-generals;

James Read, John Nixon, Arthur St. Clair, Alexander M'Dougal, Samuel Holden Parſons, and James Clinton, Eſqrs; brigadier-generals.

Reſolved, That the hearing commodore Hopkins be poſtponed to Monday next at 11 o'clock, and that captain Jones be directed to attend at the ſame time.

Reſolved, That 10,000 dollars be advanced to colonel John Haſlet for the uſe of his battalion, he to be accountable.

Reſolved, That William Brown, maſter carpenter; who is come from the camp on furlow, be ordered not to return, his ſervice being neceſſary at the yard.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *Auguſt* 10, 1776.

Reſolved, That Iſaac Cooper, ſhipjoiner; be ordered not to go to New-Jerſey, his ſervice being wanted:

That William Whiting a wounded ſoldier be ſent to the hoſpital of Pennſylvania, and ſupported at the expence of the United States, and in caſe he dies, that the expences of his funeral, be paid by the United States.

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due,

To Jeremiah Dougan in part payment of his account againſt the continent, 319 dollars, and ſixty ninetieths, with which he is to be charged:

To Daniel Smith for the weekly allowance of the following priſoners of war, viz. James Hughes, town-major of Montreal, and captain Duncan Campbell from the 19th January to the 18th July laſt, 24 weeks, and 6 days, at 2 dollars a week, 99 dollars, and thirty-eight ninetieths:

Major Dunbar, Major Stopford, lieutenant Harriſon, lieut. Shuttleworth, lieutenant M'Donald, and captain Algeo, from the 26th April to 12th July laſt, 11 weeks each, at 2 dollars a week, 132 dollars:

To colonel Jacob Stroud for expences of waggon hire, in conducting Canadian priſoners, and part of the 26th regiment from Walpeck in New-Jerſey, to Reading and Briſtol in Pennſylvania, 219 dollars, and fifty-four ninetieths, out of which 84 dollars, twelve ninetieths, is a charge againſt the Britiſh troops and 135 dollars and forty-two ninetieths, for the expence of the Canadians:

To John Bates for 140 camp kettles delivered to colonel Matlack 186 dollars, and ſixty ninetieths:

To

To Thomas Nevill for the materials and making travelling carriages, for the cannon ſent to North-Carolina, 257 dollars, and twenty-five ninetieths:

To William M'Gill for expences of the firſt Pennſylvania battalion on their march to Canada, which is to be charged to J. Shallus, quarter-maſter of the ſaid battalion, 14 dollars, forty-five ninetieths:

To Joſeph Haight for the allowance to captain Francis Stuart and John Leſlie of the 26th regiment, from the 26th April to 11th July, and to Dr. Huddleſton, of the 7th regiment, from the 26th April to the 1ſt July, as priſoners of war, 63 dollars:

To captain Joſeph Spur of colonel Moore's battalion for the ſubſiſtance of his company of 28 men, on their march from Cheſter county to New-Jerſey, the ſum of 25 dollars, and eighteen ninetieths:

To lieutenant colonel Joſeph Park for the ſubſiſtance of 6 men of colonel Moore's battalion, on their march from Cheſter county to New-Jerſey, 16 dollars:

To Michael Gratz for indian goods provided by him in May and June laſt, and delivered to the commiſſioners for indian affairs, in the northern department, 653 dollars, and eighty-ſeven ninetieths:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The committee farther reported that they have had under conſideration, the accounts of Meſſrs. Price and Haywood, which were recommitted to them, and having re-examined the ſame, find a ballance due to them amounting to 59,962 dollars and fifty-three ninetieths, which they are of opinion ought to be paid in ſilver and gold:

Ordered, That the ſaid ſums be paid accordingly.

Reſolved, That the board of treaſury be directed to deviſe ways and means for paying Meſſrs. Price and Haywood, and report to Congreſs.

Reſolved, That an order for 3000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurers in favour of the delegates of Delaware government, for the purpoſe of paying one month's advance to the battalion of militia marching from that government to the flying camp.

The board of war brought in a report which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That commiſſions be made out, and ſent to general Waſhington, to be delivered to the ſeveral officers recommended in the liſt exhibited by the ſaid board, to fill the vacancies mentioned in the ſaid liſt, excepting thoſe perſons recommended to fill the vacancies occaſioned by officers being in captivity, which ought not to be filled, but to be left open, until thoſe officers ſhall be redeemed, and excepting the caſe of lieutenant-colonel Tyler, who is to have a commiſſion for colonel of the regiment lately

lately commanded by colonel Parſons, promoted; and that lieut. colonel Durkee have a commiſſion of colonel of the 20th regiment, and that major Prentice be made lieutenant-colonel of the regiment, in which he is now major; and major Knolton lieutenant-colonel of the 20th regiment.

The marine committee brought in a report which was read:

Ordered, to lie on the table.

The committee, on the cauſes of the miſcarriages in Canada, brought in a farther report which was read:

Ordered, To lie on the table to be taken into conſideration on Tueſday next.

Reſolved, That John Hughes be ſupplied with neceſſary cloaths by the managers of the Pennſylvania hoſpital, at the expence of the United States.

Reſolved, That William Tudor, judge advocate general, have the rank of lieutenant-colonel in the army of the United States; and that he be ordered immediately to repair to the diſcharge of his duty at New-York.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to colonel J. Wilſon for the uſe of three companies of his battalion now in Philadelphia, 11 lb. of powder, and 44 lb. of lead:

That the ſaid committee be directed to deliver to the order of the marine committee, ſuch quantity of arms and ammunition, as may be neceſſary for the uſe of the continental frigates.

The committee on Canadian petitioners reported,

That the reverend Mr. Louis Lotbiniere was on the 26th January laſt appointed by general Arnold chaplain to the regiment under the command of colonel James Livingſton, and acted in that capacity, until the retreat of the army from Canada, and was promiſed by general Arnold the pay of £ 14: 10: per month, including rations; and that there is now a ballance of 124 dollars, eighty-four ninetieths due, and that the ſame ought to be paid to him, and he continued a chaplain in the pay of the United States:

That Jean Fiſcul ought to receive nine months pay as a private, and a preſent of 20 dollars for particular ſervice, the whole amounting to 80 dollars, and that he be permitted to inliſt in the artillery at New-York:

That Pierre du Calvert ought to receive 106 dollars, and two thirds, for eight months pay as an enſign, and a commiſſion, as a brevet lieutenant:

That Alexander du Clos ought to receive 33 dollars, and one third, for five months pay as a private, and be diſcharged with permiſſion to inliſt again in the ſervice at his election:

That Jean Baptiſt du Vidal ought to receive 56 dollars for ſeven months pay as a ſerjeant, and be diſcharged or continued in the ſervice at his election;

That Louis Ruffe ought to receive 32 dollars for his ſervices as a nurſe and attendant on the ſick, and a preſent of 40 dollars on account of his humanity to them:

That Juet a Voir ought to receive a preſent of 10 dollars, and be diſcharged or continued in ſervice at his election:

That La Juneſſe ought to receive a preſent of 40 dollars, and be diſcharged:

That John Hamptreneck ought to receive 186 dollars and two-thirds, as deputy commiſſary from the 15th of September to the 5th of February, and 164 dollars for his pay as a captain from the 5th of February to this day, being 6 months and 5 days; the whole amounting to 350 dollars and ſixty-ninetieths:

That John Diamond and Walker Moody ought to receive a preſent of 40 dollars each:

That Andrew Pepin ought to receive 33 dollars and thirty-ninetieths, for five months pay as a private, for his ſervices as a volunteer, and be continued in pay as a lieutenant:

That all perſons who have acted as volunteers in Canada, and retreated with the army, be referred to general Schuyler; and that he be directed to inquire into their ſervice and characters, and to order them ſuch rewards and wages as ſhall appear to have been merited:

That 300 dollars be advanced to colonel James Livingſton, and his general account againſt Congreſs referred to the inſpection and determination of general Schuyler.

Reſolved, That the ſaid report be agreed to.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *Auguſt* 12, 1776.

A letter from general Waſhington of the 8th, with ſundry papers incloſed, and one from general Mercer, with one incloſed to him from colonel Dickinſon, were read:

Reſolved, That the letter from general Waſhington, with the papers incloſed, be referred to the board of war:

That the letter from brigadier general Mercer, with the incloſed letter from colonel Dickinſon, be communicated to the convention of Pennſylvania.

Sundry reſolutions paſſed by the convention of New-York were laid before Congreſs and read.

A letter from a gentleman at cape Francois in Hiſpaniola, dated July the 23d, was alſo read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the ſecret committee.

That the delegates of North-Carolina be impowered to ſend by water, at the riſk of the continent, the military ſtores neceſſary for that ſtate.

On

On application of one of the parties,

Reſolved, That the hearing the appeal againſt the ſentence paſſed on the ſchooner Thiſtle, be poſtponed to Monday the 26th inſtant.

The council of ſafety of Pennſylvania having recommended Philip Schrauder, as a ſecond lieutenant of the fifth company of Germans to be raiſed in that ſtate:

Reſolved, That he be accepted, and that a commiſſion be granted to him accordingly.

A letter of the 3d, from the council of Virginia, and one of the ſame date from brigadier general Lewis, were read.

Agreeable to the order of the day, commodore Hopkins attended and was admitted; when the examination taken before the marine committee, and the report of the ſaid committee in conſequence thereof, were read to him; and the commodore being heard in his own defence, and having delivered in ſome farther anſwers to the queſtions aſked him by the marine committee, and two witneſſes being at his requeſt introduced and examined, he withdrew.

Congreſs then took into conſideration the inſtructions given to commodore Hopkins, his examination and anſwers to the marine committee, and the report of the marine committee thereupon; alſo, the farther defence by him made and the teſtimony of the witneſſes; and after ſome debate, the farther conſideration thereof was poſtponed.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *Auguſt* 13, 1776.

Reſolved, That the 8th Virginia battalion be taken into pay from the 27th day of May laſt, and the ſeventh from the 17th day of June laſt.

The marine committee having recommended William Barnes for firſt lieutenant on board one of the frigates built at Philadelphia: Thomas Vaughan, ſecond mate of the ſhip Alfred, to be third lieutenant of the Waſhington frigate, commanded by Thomas Reed, Eſq; and Eliſha Hinman to the command of the Cabot:

Reſolved, That they be accepted, and that commiſſions be granted to them accordingly; and that captain Saltonſtall be ordered to diſcharge Mr. Vaughan, that he may repair to the command to which he is now appointed.

Colonel Mercer of the 3d Virginia Battalion being promoted to the rank of brigadier general, and William Chriſtian, who was appointed colonel of the firſt battalion, having declined to accept his commiſſion, and col. William Peachy of the fifth battalion having reſigned, Congreſs proceeded to the election of officers to fill the vacancies occaſioned thereby, and the ballots being taken, Charles Scott, George Weeden and Iſaac Reade, Eſquires, were elected colonels:

Alexander

Alexander Spotſwood, Thomas Marſhall and Robert Lawſon, Eſquires, lieutenant colonels; and James Junis and John Green, Eſquires, majors.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To Conrad Alſter, for 214 meals ſupplied the militia on their march to New-Jerſey, the ſum of 21 dollars & thirty-ſix-ninetieths:

To James Davis, for 70 meals ſupplied captain Clarke's company of militia, on their march to New-Jerſey, 7 dollars and nine ninetieths:

To major Blackden, for the hire of a ſleigh and two horſes from Albany to Quebec, caſh expended going expreſs from general Arnold to Sorrell, and for a horſe, bridle and ſaddle, loſt at Dechambeau, in the ſervice of the colonies, 153 dollars:

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

The board of treaſury, to whom it was referred to deviſe ways and means for paying Meſſrs. Price and Heywood, brought in their report; whereupon,

Reſolved, That an order be ſent to general Schuyler and general Gates, to pay all the ſpecie that they may have in their hands, belonging to the United States, to Meſſrs. Price and Heywood, in part of the balance due to them from the ſaid ſtates, and tranſmit an account thereof to Congreſs:

That the committee of treaſury be directed to uſe their endeavours to procure gold and ſilver as quickly as poſſible, to diſcharge the remainder:

That Meſſrs. Price and Heywood be allowed at the rate of five per cent. per annum intereſt, for the balance that may be due to them, after deducting the ſum that ſhall be paid them by generals Schuyler and Gates, from the time of ſuch payment until the ſaid balance is paid.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to advance one month's pay to the officers and men from Maryland, on their march to the flying camp:

That the deputy quarter maſter general be directed to ſupply the troops from Maryland with ſuch articles, as they may ſtand in need of, out of the ſtores in his hands belonging to the continent.

Reſolved, That the five millions of dollars, laſt ordered to be emitted, conſiſt of the following numbers and denominations, viz.

76,923	of	30	dollars each,	2,307,690
76,923	of	8	do.	615,384
76,923	of	7	do.	538,461
76,923	of	6	do.	461,538
76,924	of	5	do.	384,620
76,923	of	4	do.	307,692
76,923	of	3	do.	230,769
76,923	of	2	do.	153,846
				5,000,000

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That an order for 2,666 dollars, and two thirds be drawn on the treaſurer in favour of Ludwick Karcher, for the purpoſe of victualing the troops marching to the flying camp, he to be accountable.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be informed that Congreſs have not received the treaty between the ſtate of Maſſachuſetts-Bay and the St. Johns and Micmac indians, and that he be requeſted to ſend a copy thereof:

That the ſecret committee be directed to furniſh colonel Wilſon with 23 muſkets, 22 lb. of powder, and 88 lb. of lead, for the uſe of his battalion of militia.

The ſaid board having recommended William Caldwell to be paymaſter of colonel Baldwin's regiment of continental troops raiſed in Maſſachuſetts-Bay, and William Lawrence to be paymaſter of colonel Shee's battalion of continental troops, raiſed in the ſtate of Pennſylvania:

Reſolved, That they be accepted, and that commiſſions be granted to them accordingly.

Reſolved, That an order for 296 dollars, and one third be paid to the order of Meſſrs. Simon and Campbell in full of a draught in their favour by George Morgan, dated at Pittſburg, June 3d, 1776, and that the ſame be charged to the account of the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department.

Reſolved, That the marine committee be directed to deliver to James Meaſe the ſheeting in their hands for the uſe of the continental troops.

Congreſs being informed that Alexander Roſs is detained at Pittſburg,

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the commiſſioners for indian affairs, to enquire into this matter, and if they find no new cauſe for detaining him ſince he was before the committee of Congreſs, and they think it proper that they permit him to purſue his journey into the indian country.

Reſolved, That a member be added to the committee appointed to conſider the application of the reverend Mr. Leonard.

The member choſen, Mr. Hall.

A letter of the 12th from brigadier general Mercer was read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the board of war.

Congreſs took into conſideration the articles of war, and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the farther conſideration thereof was poſtponed till to-morrow.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed,

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, *Auguſt* 14, 1776.

A letter of the 12th from general Waſhington with a return of the army at New-York, and ſundry other papers incloſed being received, was read.

Alſo ſundry letters from England were read.

Reſolved, That the letter from general Waſhington with the papers incloſed, be referred to the board of war.

On requeſt of the delegates of New-Jerſey,

Reſolved, That the tutors in Princetown college be detained from going to the flying camp, and that the ſaid tutors be directed to continue in the ſaid college exerciſing their ſeveral functions.

The committee appointed to deviſe a plan for encouraging the Heſſians and other foreigners to quit the Britiſh ſervice, brought in a report which was taken into conſideration, whereupon Congreſs came to the following reſolution.

Whereas it has been the wiſe policy of theſe ſtates to extend the protection of their laws to all thoſe who ſhould ſettle among them of whatever nation or religion they might be, and to admit them to a participation of the benefits of civil and religious freedom, and the benevolence of this practice as well as its ſalutary effects have rendered it worthy of being continued in future times.

And whereas, his Britannic majeſty, in order to deſtroy our freedom and happineſs has commenced againſt us a cruel and unprovoked war; and unable to engage Briton's ſufficient to execute his ſanguinary meaſures has applied for aid to foreign princes, who are in the habit of ſelling the blood of their people for money, and from them has procured and tranſported hither conſiderable numbers of foreigners. And it is conceived that ſuch foreigners, if appriſed of the practice of theſe ſtates would chuſe to accept of lands, liberty, ſafety and a communion of good laws, and mild government in a country where many of their friends and relations are already happily ſettled, rather than continue expoſed to the toils and dangers of a long and bloody war, waged againſt a people guilty of no other crime than that, of refuſing to exchange freedom for ſlavery; and that they will do this the more eſpecially when they reflect, that after they have violated every chriſtian and moral precept by invading and attempting to deſtroy thoſe who have never injured them or their country, their only reward, if they eſcape death and captivity, will be a return to the deſpotiſm of their prince to be by him again ſold to do the drudgery of ſome other enemy to the rights of mankind.

And whereas the parliament of Great-Britain have thought fit by a late act, not only to invite our troops to deſert our ſervice but to direct a compulſion of our people taken at ſea to ſerve againſt their country.

Reſolved, Therefore, that theſe ſtates will receive all ſuch foreigners who ſhall leave the armies of his Britannic majeſty in America,

rica, and ſhall chuſe to become members of any of theſe ſtates; and they ſhall be protected in the free exerciſe of their reſpective religions, and be inveſted with the rights, priviledges and immunities of natives as eſtabliſhed by the laws of theſe ſtates; and moreover that this Congreſs will provide for every ſuch perſon fifty acres of unappropriated lands in ſome of theſe ſtates, to be held by him and his heirs in abſolute property.

Reſolved, That the foregoing reſolution be committed to the committee, who brought in the report, and that they be directed to have it tranſlated into German, and to take proper meaſures to have it communicated to the foreign troops.

Reſolved, That Dr. Franklin be added to the ſaid committee.

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due,

To captain William Roſs for ſubſiſtence and ferriage of his company of ſixty-ſeven men of colonel Smith's battalion on their march from York county to New-Jerſey, the ſum of 52 dollars, and forty-nine ninetieths:

To Daniel Smith for captain Gamble's allowance from 26th April to 10th Auguſt inſtant, being 15 weeks, at 2 dollars a week, the ſum of 30 dollars:

To John Davis for 33 days hire of a waggon tranſporting the baggage of captain Hay's company of colonel Irwin's battalion from Carliſle to New-York, 110 dollars, and for 41 meals ſupplyed captain Thomas Turbutt's company of colonel Wilſon's battalion on their march from Cumberland county to New-Jerſey, the ſum of 4 dollars, and nine ninetieths:

To John Eſhenbach for 19 meals ſupplied recruits of captain Cluggage's company of colonel Hand's battalion 1 dollar, and eighty-one ninetieths:

To colonel Clement Biddle for 150 camp kettles, 200 dollars:

To Dr. John Coates for a ſet of ſurgeons inſtruments loſt on his march with general Arnold from Cambridge to Quebec, the ſum of 26 dollars, and ſixty ninetieths:

To Sarah Campbell for nurſing and boarding ſeven ſick men belonging to captains Beaty, Benezet and Miller's companies, 30 dollars, and ſeven ninetieths.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

A petition from Eliſha Swift and Adonijah Spanborrough was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That it be referred to the delegates from Pennſylvania and Connecticut.

The board of war brought in a report which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That monſieur Weibert, now ſerving in the continental army at New-York as an engineer, be appointed aſſiſtant engineer with the rank and pay of lieutenant-colonel; and that his pay commence from the time of his engaging in the ſervice.

That

That general Mercer be directed to discharge or grant furlows to Joseph Kerr, hatter, a private of capt. Wills company in the first battalion; and to Philip Mause, stocking weaver, a private in capt. Kling's company of the fourth battalion of Philadelphia militia; these two persons being applied for by Mr. Mease, commissary, to whom their services are indispensably necessary, in making and providing cloathing for the army.

Resolved, That the remainder of the report be postponed till to-morrow.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed,

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *August* 15, 1776.

The board of war brought in a report which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That James Livingston having been appointed a colonel of a regiment by general Montgomery, have a colonels commission given him, with orders to enlist as many companies of Canadians as are willing to engage in the service; and that the commander in chief in the northern department be directed to recommend to Congress proper persons for officers under him.

The council of safety of Pennsylvania having recommended Mr. Bernard Hubley, jun. as first lieutenant in the fifth company of the German battalion;

Resolved, That he be accepted, and that a commission be granted to him accordingly.

A petition from Return Jonathan Meigs in behalf of himself and others, was presented to Congress and read:

Resolved, That it be referred to the board of war.

Resolved, That an order for 30,000 dollars be drawn on the treasurers in favour of James Mease, for the use of the militia going to New-Jersey.

Resolved, That the sum of 500 dollars be lodged in the hands of the auditor-general for the purpose of discharging small debts, he to be accountable.

Resolved, That the secret committee be directed to deliver to colonel M'Callister eight stand of arms for the use of his battalion, the said committee taking security for the return of the said arms:

That the said committee be directed to deliver to the delegates of North-Carolina, five tons of lead for the use of the troops in that state.

The committee to whom the letter from governor Trumbull of the 19th July with sundry depositions and papers was referred, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from Jeremiah Dugan was presented and read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Congress

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the inſtructions given to commodore Hopkins, his examination and anſwers, &c. and thereupon came to the following reſolution:

Reſolved, That the ſaid commodore Hopkins, during his cruiſe to the ſouthward, did not pay due regard to the tenor of his inſtructions, whereby he was expreſsly directed to annoy the enemy's ſhips upon the coaſts of the ſouthern ſtates; and that his reaſons for not going from Providence immediately to the Carolinas, are by no means ſatisfactory.

At the requeſt of the delegates of Pennſylvania the farther conſideration of the report was poſtponed till to-morrow.

A letter of the 14th from general Waſhington, one from general Schuyler of the 7th, and one of the 5th from general Gates being received, were read.

Reſolved, That 500,000 dollars be ſent to Mr. Trumbull, deputy paymaſter general, for the uſe of the army in the northern department.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to the order of the marine committee ſuch ſtores by them imported, as are neceſſary for the fleet.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *Auguſt* 16, 1776.

A letter of the 15th from general Waſhington was read.

The board of treaſury who were appointed to prepare inſtructions for the commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts of the army at New-York and in the northern department, brought in a draught which was read and agreed to as follows:

To ——— ———

Gentlemen, You are appointed commiſſioners by the Congreſs to liquidate the accounts of the army in You will therefore proceed immediately to and apply to general to direct all perſons, who have been engaged in tranſacting public buſineſs to lay their accounts before you. In your examination you will obſerve the utmoſt exactneſs, taking care not to allow any accounts for which proper vouchers are not produced. No officer is permitted to hold two commiſſions, conſequently is not to receive pay for two.

Every colonel of a battalion ought to produce muſter rolls certified by the muſter maſter or ſuch other perſon as may have been appointed by the commanding officer to muſter the men, of the number his battalion from time to time conſiſted of.

No allowance of pay or rations is to be made to any officer for men who have not been actually in the continental ſervice.

If in the ſettlement of theſe accounts you ſhall diſcover any frauds to have been practiſed, or abuſes committed by miſapplica-

tion of public monies, you ſhall take particular notice of them, and make eſpecial report to the committee of treaſury. When you have compleated this buſineſs you are to tranſmit a copy of your proceedings with accounts to the committee of treaſury to be by them finally adjuſted and diſcharged.

Ordered, That a copy be made out and delivered to the reſpective commiſſioners.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 250,000 dollars be ſent to Ebenezer Hancock, Eſq; deputy paymaſter general for the uſe of the army in the eaſtern department.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 1000 dollars be advanced to captain John David Whelper, for the bounty money, &c. of his company; he to be accountable.

A petition from Dr. Samuel Stringer, was preſented and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the medical committee.

Reſolved, That the medical committee be impowered to purchaſe ſuch medicines as they judge proper and uſeful for the army.

Reſolved, That a member be added to the committee to whom were referred the letters and papers reſpecting the murder of Mr. Parſons:

The member choſen, Mr. J. Adams.

The committee to whom the letter from general Putnam in favour of the reverend Abiel Leonard was referred, reported,

"That it appears from a further certificate of general Putnam, that Mr. Leonard performed the duty of a chaplain to other regiments than that of the general's for the ſpace of eight months, for which he has had no compenſation, and that it alſo appears that Mr. Leonard's ſervices at that time in the army were very neceſſary and uſeful"; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſum of 300 dollars be paid to the ſaid Mr. Abiel Leonard as a reward for his ſervices.

Reſolved, That the letters received yeſterday from general Waſhington, general Schuyler, and general Gates, be referred to the board of war.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the inſtructions given to commodore Hopkins, his examination and anſwers, &c. and thereupon came to the following reſolution:

Reſolved, That the ſaid conduct of commodore Hopkins deſerves the cenſure of this houſe, and this houſe does accordingly cenſure him.

Ordered, That a copy of the reſolutions paſſed againſt commodore Hopkins be tranſmitted to him.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY

SATURDAY, *August* 17, 1776.

A letter of the 13th from general Washington was read.

The delegates of New-Jersey laid before Congress a resolution of their convention, impowering any one of them to represent the said state in these words;

" In provincial Congress, New-Jersey, Burlington, June 22, 1776.

Upon the question whether one or more delegates shall be a quorum to represent this province in continental Congress, it was carried in favour of one. Extract from the minutes,

WILLIAM PATERSON, Secretary."

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To John Bates for 187 camp kettles delivered to Clement Biddle, deputy quarter master general, 249 dollars:

To George Bunner for a rifle purchased by lieutenant Moses Rawling from John Piper in Maryland, for the use of captain Grier's rifle company, and to be charged to the said company, 10 dollars, and sixty ninetieths:

To Messrs. Gibson and Aston for 5 rifles furnished captain Morgan's company of riflemen by persons in Frederick county, Virginia, and certified by the committee there, and to be charged to the said Morgan, 65 dollars, and thirty ninetieths:

To James Mercer for 597 meals furnished to the militia on their march to New-Jersey, 59 dollars, and sixty-three ninetieths:

To William Clayton for 454 meals supplied the militia on their march to New-Jersey, 45 dollars, and thirty-six ninetieths:

To William Allibone for his expences in search of flint stones by direction of the board of war, 6 dollars:

To Joseph Hinzey for 7 chairs and a stool for the use of the treasury office, 15 dollars, and eighteen ninetieths:

To William M'Carroll for the passage of prisoners taken by captain Barry from Egg-Harbour to Philadelphia, with their maintenance on the road, 4 dollars, and fifty-six ninetieths:

To colonel Henry Haller 425 dollars, and thirty-nine ninetieths; of which sum 20 dollars are to be charged to captain Nelson, for two rifles delivered to him by David Miers; 14 dollars, and fifty four ninetieths to the army, for rations supplied captain Nelson's company; 24 dollars for contingent expences of three expresses; and 366 dollars, and seventy-five ninetieths for provisions for the prisoners at Reading with fire wood, salt, straw, &c. including 39 days service of the said Haller:

To George Struylys, for entertainment of the militia on their march to New-Jersey, 78 dollars, and sixty-four ninetieths:

To Robert Jewell for sundry bills for the repair of the old gaol in Philadelphia, and work done at the new gaol, 178 dollars, and fifty-three ninetieths:

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid

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The committee on indian affairs, to whom ſundry letters and papers from Pittſburg were referred, having examined them, laid the ſame on the table, and deſired they might be read, which was done.

Reſolved, That an order for 50 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of George Morgan, for the uſe of Peter Long, for his ſervices in the indian country.

Reſolved, That the accounts of George Morgan, Eſq; be referred to the board of treaſury.

A letter of this day from Martin Johnſon, lieutenant of artillery, was laid before Congreſs and read; wherein he deſires Congreſs to enquire into the circumſtances of Mr. Anſtruther's diamond ring, which he acknowledges he has;—that he never made a ſecret of it;—that he found the ring ſome time after the garriſon capitulated, and thought it to be a prize; and, for the truth of what he aſſerts, refers Congreſs to the certificates of ſeveral principal officers.

Reſolved, That lieutenant Martin Johnſon be directed to deliver the ring to the ſecretary of the war office, who is ordered to ſend the ſame to Mr. Anſtruther, the owner.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the report of the committee, to whom was referred brigadier general Wooſter's letter, requeſting an enquiry into his conduct, while he had the honour of commanding the continental forces in Canada, which was read as follows:

That brigadier general Wooſter produced copies of a number of letters which paſſed between him and general Schuyler, and of his letters to Congreſs, from which it appears, that he, from time to time, gave ſeaſonable and due notice of the ſtate of the army under his command, and what ſupplies were, in his opinion, neceſſary to render the enterprize ſucceſsful; that a number of officers and other gentlemen from Canada, who were acquainted with his conduct there, and who happened occaſionally to be in this city, were examined before the committee; to which letters, and the minutes of the examination of the witneſſes herewith exhibited, the committee beg leave to refer Congreſs for further information, and report, as the opinion of the committee upon the whole of the evidence that was before them, that nothing cenſurable or blame-worthy appears againſt brigadier general Wooſter."

The report being again read, was agreed to.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That Guſtavus Riſberg be appointed aſſiſtant to Clement Biddle, deputy quarter maſter general to the flying camp, and that he reſide at Philadelphia.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be deſired to propoſe an exchange of his Britannic majeſty's priſoners, captivated at St. John's and Chamblee, for thoſe in the ſervice of the United States taken in Canada: That

That major Meggs be exchanged for major French, and captain Henry Dearbourne for an officer of his rank:

That in caſe a general exchange of priſoners ſhould not be agreed to, that proviſion be made for ſupplying our priſoners in Canada, with neceſſaries, by procuring and ſending bills of exchange drawn by Britiſh officers, priſoners in theſe ſtates; or, if ſuch cannot be obtained, that caſh be ſent to them.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the convention of Maryland, to raiſe and arm two battalions upon the continental eſtabliſhment:

That the men for the ſaid battalions be enliſted to ſerve during the war, unleſs ſooner diſcharged by Congreſs:

That the ſaid convention recommend to Congreſs ſuitable perſons for field officers of the ſaid battalions, and appoint all the other officers:

That the ſaid battalions be taken into continental pay ſo ſoon as they are armed and accoutred for ſervice and accordingly muſtered:

That 20,000 dollars be ſent to the ſaid convention, to defray the expences of raiſing the ſaid battalions; to be accounted for to Congreſs.

Colonel Biddle having, by order of general Mercer, applied for the following articles, viz. 500 firelocks with bayonets, 500 bayonets with ſcabbards of different ſizes, 200 ſpare ramrods, 4000 priming wires and 20,000 flints:

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe, commiſſary, be directed to provide and deliver to colonel Biddle, or his order, the above articles, or as many of them as can be procured.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *Auguſt* 19, 1776.

A letter of the 12th from general Waſhington, with the proceedings and judgment of a court martial againſt colonel Donald Campbell, incloſed, was read:

Reſolved, That the proceedings and judgment of the court martial be ſent to gen. Schuyler for his approbation or diſapprobation.

Another letter of the 14th from general Waſhington, with papers incloſed, relative to Mr. Nubile, a foreigner, was read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 14th, from commodore Hopkins, was read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That commodore Hopkins be directed to repair to Rhode-Iſland, and take the command of the fleet formerly put under his care.

A letter of the 19th, from lieutenant M. Johnſon, was read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the ſtoppage of lieutenant M. Johnſon's pay be taken off, and that he receive what is due to him.

A letter

A letter of the 19th, from brigadier general Wooſter, was read: Ordered to lie on the table.

The board of war having recommended captain James Chapman to be major of colonel Tyler's battalion, and captain Thomas Dyer to be major of colonel Durkee's:

Reſolved, That they be accepted, and that commiſſions be granted to them accordingly.

Reſolved, That the board of treaſury be impowered to employ another preſs to print the bills of credit, and that Matthew Clarkſon and Walter Shee, Eſqrs. be appointed ſuperintendants of the preſs, in addition to thoſe already appointed for that ſervice.

A petition from Chapman Aſhur was preſented to Congreſs and read.

The committee on indian affairs, to whom the letters from the commiſſioners in the middle and ſouthern departments were referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That it be left to the diſcretion of the commiſſioners in the middle department, to poſtpone the holding the treaty with the indians in their department, to ſuch time as they think beſt; and that, if by continuing at Pittſburg in the mean while, they are of opinion they ſhall be able to bring the indians into a friendly diſpoſition and to render the treaty more general, they be deſired to continue there:

That the invitation given by the ſaid commiſſioners to ſuch of the ſix nations of indians, as live on the waters of the Ohio, to attend the ſaid treaty, be approved:

That the ſaid commiſſioners be inſtructed to make diligent enquiry into the murder lately committed by indians, in the neighbourhood of Pittſburg, on one Crawford, and that as ſoon as they diſcover by whom the ſame was committed, they demand due puniſhment on the offender or offenders, which being granted, this Congreſs will not conſider the ſame as a national act:

That the ſaid commiſſioners invite ſuch of the indian chiefs and warriors of their department, as they think beſt, to viſit Congreſs at Philadelphia, after the concluſion of the treaty with them:

That the following extract from the ſpeech of Logan, an indian chief, be tranſmitted to the commiſſioners for the middle department, viz. "We ſtill hear bad news. Conneodico and ſome of us are conſtantly threatened. And the Bearſkin, a trader from Pennſylvania, amongſt others, ſays, a great reward is offered to any perſon, who will take or entice either of us to Pittſburg, where we are to be hanged up like dogs by the Big Knife. This being true, how can we think of what is good. That it is true we have no doubt, and you may depend on it, that the Bearſkin told Metopſica every word of what I have mentioned." And that they be directed to do all in their power to remove every jealouſy of the United

United States or either of them from the minds of the indians. And as it may poſſibly happen, that the perſons concerned in the indian trade, in order to ingroſs to themſelves or to the traders of their own ſtate the whole of the ſaid indian trade, may by falſe ſuggeſtions endeavour to poiſon the minds of the ſaid indians and render them inimical to any other ſtate, and to involve ſuch ſtate in an indian war, that it be therefore recommended to the aſſemblies and conventions of the ſeveral ſtates, from which trade is carried on with the indians, that they take the moſt effectual meaſures to prevent the traders of their reſpective ſtates from purſuing a practice ſo dangerous to the peace of the United States:

That ſo much of the indian ſpeech as relates to the Nantikokes be ſent to the convention of Maryland, and that they be requeſted to give Congreſs ſuch information upon the ſubject as they can obtain:

That agreeable to the propoſition from the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the ſouthern department, Mr. Galphin and Mr. Ray be deſired to invite ſuch of the head men of the Creeks, as they ſhall think expedient to viſit Congreſs at Philadelphia, and that Mr. Galphin or Mr. Ray be requeſted to attend them hither, and that Congreſs will defray the expences of ſuch journey.

Reſolved, That the part of the report reſpecting the neutrality of the indians be poſtponed.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 1200 dollars be advanced to the commiſſioners appointed to audit and ſettle the accounts of the army at New-York, and in the northern department; they to be accountable.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the articles of war as reviſed by the committee for that purpoſe appointed, and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the farther conſideration thereof was poſtponed.

Reſolved, That captain Archibald Hamilton be permitted to reſide at New-Brunſwick, until the farther orders of Congreſs.

The committee to whom was referred the petition from Eliſha Swift, &c. brought in their report.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To Jacob Vanderhyden for cloathing ſupplied the army in Canada, viz. Captain Ten Eyck's company, £ 256: 15: 5; to captain John Viſher's company, £ 188: 14: 5; to captain John Viſgar, £ 34: 6: 6; to captain John Graim, £ 52: 0: 7; to general Arnold for the army, £ 4: 19: 0; for ſhoes purchaſed by order of the commiſſioners of Congreſs, £ 21: 12: 0; the whole amounting to £ 595: 7: 11, lawful money, equal to 1984 dollars and fifty-nine ninetieths:

To George Morgan, Eſq; for the balance of his account for ſundries ſupplied for the middle department, to be charged to the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the ſaid department, 377 dollars, and ſeventy-five ninetieths:

To

To Robert Irwin for the hire of four teams and their ferriage to New-York, 162 dollars, and twenty ninetieths:

To Chriſtian Vogt for 116 meals ſupplied the troops on their march to New-Jerſey, 7 dollars, and thirty-three ninetieths; and that the ſame be paid to George Hufnagel:

To George Hufnagel for 666 meals ſupplied the troops on their march to New-Jerſey, 42 dollars, and twenty-five ninetieths:

To colonel Jeremiah Dugan for the balance of his account for ſupplies to the army in Canada, excluſive of ſundry articles for which he has produced no vouchers, 698 dollars, and forty-five ninetieths:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *Auguſt* 20, 1776.

A letter of the 18th from general Waſhington with ſundry papers incloſed, was laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to a committee of five:

The members choſen, Mr. Jefferſon, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. J. Adams, and Mr. Hooper.

A petition from Harduin Mertlet was read and referred to the Canada committee.

The committee to whom was referred the petition from Dr. Stringer, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That Dr. Morgan was appointed director general and phyſician in chief of the American hoſpital:

That Dr. Stringer was appointed director and phyſician of the hoſpital in the northern department only:

That every director of a hoſpital poſſeſſes the excluſive right of appointing ſurgeons and hoſpital officers of all kinds, agreeable to the reſolutions of Congreſs of the 17th of July in his own department, unleſs otherwiſe directed by Congreſs:

That Dr. Stringer be authoriſed to appoint a ſurgeon for the fleet now fitting out upon the lakes:

That a druggiſt be appointed in Philadelphia, whoſe buſineſs it ſhall be to receive and deliver all medicines, inſtruments and ſhop furniture for the benefit of the United States:

That a ſalary of 30 dollars a month be paid to the ſaid druggiſt for his labour.

Congreſs proceeded to the election of a druggiſt, and the ballots being taken, Dr. William Smith was elected.

The board of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To Joſeph Haight for ſundry ſupplies of proviſions and wood for the priſoners at Burlington, from the 10th June to the 18th July laſt, 277 dollars, and thirty-ſix ninetieths: *Ordered*,

Ordered, That the ſame be paid.

A letter from Meaſe and Caldwell was laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members choſen, Mr. Walton, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Payne:

Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole to take into their farther conſideration the articles of confederation; and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Morton reported that the committee having had under conſideration the articles of confederation, have gone through the ſame, and agreed to ſundry articles, which he was ordered to ſubmit to Congreſs.

The report of the committee being read;

Ordered, That eighty copies of the articles of confederation as reported from the committee of the whole, be printed under the ſame injunctions as the former articles, and delivered to the members under the like inſtructions as formerly.

Reſolved, That Mr. Hamilton Young be permitted to reſide in Pennſylvania, until the farther orders of Congreſs.

The committee appointed to prepare a device for a great ſeal for the United States, brought in the ſame with an explanation thereof:

Ordered to lie on the table.

A letter of the 19th from general Waſhington was read.

Information being given to Congreſs that the crews of ſome of the American veſſels have riſen againſt their captains, and piratically ſeized the veſſels, and that one of them being carried into England, the pirates have been publickly countenanced; and the veſſel and cargo taken by adminiſtration and ſent to victual their fleet and army in America:

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire into the circumſtances of the captures and report thereon:

The members choſen, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Morris, and Mr. Jefferſon.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *Auguſt* 21, 1776.

A petition from Prudehome la Juneſſe was read and referred to the board of war.

The committee to whom the memorial of Samuel Holden Parſons was referred, brought in their report which was read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That Bazil Bouderot mentioned in the ſaid memorial be ſent to the ſtate of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, and there delivered to the council of the ſaid ſtate, and that it be recommended to the ſaid council to proceed againſt the ſaid Bazil Bouderot according to the laws of their ſtate; but if they have no law by which crimes committed out of their ſtate may be tried within the ſame, that

then they confine the ſaid Baſil Bouderot, until the ſituation of public affairs will admit his being removed to Nova-Scotia, where the crime is alledged to have been committed, and there ſubmitted to a fair trial, according to the ancient laws of that province.

The committee, to whom part of the report from the committee on ſpies was re-committed, having brought in a report, the ſame was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That all perſons not members of nor owing allegiance to any of the United States of America, as deſcribed in a reſolution of Congreſs of the 24th of June laſt, who ſhall be found lurking as ſpies in or about the fortifications or encampments of the armies of the United States, or of any of them, ſhall ſuffer death according to the law and uſage of nations, by ſentence of a court martial, or ſuch other puniſhment as ſuch court martial ſhall direct.

Ordered, That the above reſolution be printed at the end of the rules and articles of war.

Reſolved, That 500,000 dollars be ſent to the pay-maſter general for the uſe of the army at New-York.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the cannon committee be directed to contract for the immediate caſting of ſix 6 pounders, ſix 12 pounders, four 8 inch howitzers, four 6 inch howitzers and 6 cohorn mortars, to be made of braſs, if a ſufficient quantity of that metal can be procured; if not, to be caſt of iron, and ſent, as ſoon as poſſible, to general Gates for the uſe of the northern army, and that the ſaid committee provide alſo carriages and every thing neceſſary to compleat the ſaid artillery for ſervice:

That major general Ward be authoriſed and requeſted, if his health will permit, to continue in the command of the forces, in the ſervice of the United States, in the eaſtern department, until farther orders:

That the cannon committee be authoriſed to poſſeſs themſelves of the copper ſaid to be at New-London, belonging to the United States.

Reſolved, That colonel Henry Knox be authoriſed to draw upon the pay-maſter general for money ſufficient to pay for any quantity of copper that can be procured for the uſe of the United States; he to render an account of the ſums drawn for, and the copper purchaſed.

Reſolved, That the letter from general Waſhington read yeſterday, and that of the 12th, with the papers incloſed, be referred to the board of war.

A letter to the committee of ſecret correſpondence was read.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to reviſe the reſolutions of Congreſs, reſpecting the place where prizes are to be carried into, and to bring in ſuch farther reſolutions as to them ſhall ſeem proper: The

The members chosen, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Morris and Mr. J. Adams.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *August* 22, 1776.

A letter of the 20th from general Washington, inclosing a copy of major Bigelow's journal, and general Carleton's order of the fourth of August; also, a letter of the 16th from general Schuyler, were read.

Resolved, That the letter from general Washington, with the papers inclosed, be referred to the board of war:

That the letter from general Schuyler be referred to the committee on the miscarriages in Canada.

The president laid before Congress a warrant for apprehending Thomas Reed, Patrick Ballantine and Robert Gilmore, and informed that, in consequence thereof, a party of light horse have brought the prisoners to Philadelphia, where they are confined under a guard, at the indian queen tavern:

Resolved, That the prisoners be sent for examination to the council of safety of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That 1400 dollars be paid to Alexander Tod, it being in full of an order in his favour, drawn by George Morgan, for goods purchased for the treaty at Pittsburg, and that the same be charged to the accounts of the commissioners for indian affairs in the middle department.

Resolved, That an order for 2000 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of colonel Mark Bird, who has contracted to cast cannon for the United States; he to be accountable.

The board of war brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee to whom the letter from general Washington of the 18th was referred, brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the form of a treaty, and after some time, the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson reported, that the committee have had under consideration the matter to them referred, but not having had time to go through the same, desired leave to sit again.

Resolved, That Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the plan of foreign treaties.

A letter of the 18th, from the council of safety of Maryland, was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That 26,666 dollars and two-thirds be advanced to the council of safety of Maryland, for the use of the troops raised for the flying camp; they to be accountable. A letter

A letter from brigadier general Lewis; alſo, a letter from the committee of Carliſle, in Pennſylvania, incloſing a memorial from the officers, priſoners there, were read and referred to the board of war.

The marine committee having recommended Dudley Saltonſtall to the command of the frigate Trumbull; Jonathan Maltbay, firſt lieutenant, and David Phipps to be ſecond lieutenant of the ſaid frigate; Wilſon to be firſt lieutenant of the Waſhington, and John Nicholſon to be ſecond lieutenant of ditto; John Hodge to command the Montgomery frigate at New-York:

Reſolved, That they be accepted, and commiſſions granted to them accordingly.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to major Nichols a number of muſkets ſufficient to arm the marines under his command in this city.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To Robert Jewell, for a writing deſk, ſtools, &c. for the board of war, the ſum of 31 dollars and ſixty ninetieths:

To John Bates, for 120 camp-kettles delivered to deputy quarter-maſter general C. Biddle, 160 dollars:

To John Bogart, for the expences of burying a ſoldier of capt. Harman's company, and for maintenance and nurſing of him and one other ſoldier belonging to captain Willet's company, both of the firſt Pennſylvania battalion, 19 dollars and thirty ninetieths; and for the expence of guards eſcorting powder, &c. 5 dollars and thirty-one ninetieths; both amounting to 24 dollars and ſixty-one ninetieths, and to be paid to Joſeph Burrell:

To Oſwald Eve, for ſurveying the inlets to the northward of Cape May, by order of a committee of Congreſs, 224 dollars and fifty-five ninetieths:

To Richard Bache, Stephen Paſchall and Michael Hillegas, for ſuperintending the preſs from December the 13th, 1775, to February the 3d, 1776, in printing the ſecond emiſſion of continental bills of credit, and of the ten thouſand dollars ſtruck for the purpoſe of exchanging torn and ragged bills, 45 days each, at two dollars, agreeable to a reſolve of Congreſs, 270 dollars:

To James Budden, for hire of waggons and expences of priſoners, &c. to Reading and Carliſle, 164 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *Auguſt* 23, 1776.

A letter of the 21ſt from general Waſhington, incloſing a copy of a letter from him to lord Howe, together with his lordſhip's anſwer, was read:

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the ſame be referred to the board of war, with orders to publiſh the general's letter to lord Howe, and his lordſhip's anſwer.

A petition from William Holton was read, and referred to the marine committee.

A petition from James M'Henry was read, and referred to the medical committee.

A petition from Lewis Prahl, gunſmith, was read; praying that the workmen in his manufactory may be exempted from going to the flying camp, and that two of his workmen, who have enliſted, may be diſcharged:

Reſolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

The delegates from Pennſylvania and Connecticut, to whom the application from the convention of Pennſylvania, and the inhabitants ſettled under Connecticut in the town of Weſtmoreland, was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That ſix companies, on the continental eſtabliſhment, be raiſed in Pennſylvania, and poſted along the frontiers of the counties of Northumberland and parts adjacent, till further orders of Congreſs:

That ſuitable perſons be recommended to Congreſs, by the convention of Pennſylvania, for a lieutenant colonel and major, to command the ſaid forces, and that the ſaid convention appoint the captains and ſubalterns:

That two companies, on the continental eſtabliſhment, be raiſed in the town of Weſtmoreland, and ſtationed in proper places for the defence of the inhabitants of the ſaid town and parts adjacent, till farther orders of Congreſs; the commiſſioned officers of the ſaid two companies to be immediately appointed by Congreſs:

That the pay of the men to be raiſed as aforeſaid, commence when they are armed and muſtered, and that they be liable to ſerve in any part of the United States, when ordered by Congreſs:

That the ſaid troops be enliſted to ſerve during the war, unleſs ſooner diſcharged by Congreſs.

Reſolved, That any number of troops ordered into the ſervice of the continent by Maryland, above the quota of that ſtate, be taken into continental pay.

A letter from Mr. Temple of Charleſtown in Maſſachuſetts-Bay, was laid before Congreſs and read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of three.

The members choſen, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Heyward, and Mr. Stone.

Reſolved, That an order for 30,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of Mr. James Meaſe for the public ſervice; he to be accountable.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the report from the marine committee; whereupon, *Reſolved*,

Resolved, That the marine committee be authorised and impowered to purchase materials in all such parts of America as they may think proper, for building more ships of war, and that the said committee report to Congress a plan of the ships that should be built in addition to the present navy.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *August* 26, 1776.

Three letters of the 22d and 23d from general Washington with sundry papers inclosed; a letter from William Finnie, deputy quarter master general of the southern department, were read, and referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 18th from general Schuyler was read, and the same, together with the minutes of the treaty held with the indians at the German Flats, were referred to the standing committee on indian affairs.

A letter from William Coxe and others, owners of three privateers fitting out in Philadelphia, was read and referred to the marine committee.

A petition from George Measam was read and referred to the board of war.

Congress proceeded to the election of sundry officers, when Jonathan Dayton was elected regimental paymaster of colonel Dayton's battalion. Robert Durkee and Samuel Ransom, captains of the two companies ordered to be raised in the town of Westmoreland. James Wellis and Perin Ross, first lieutenants. Ashael Buck and Simon Spalding, second lieutenants; and Heman Swift and Mathew Hollomback, ensigns of the said companies.

On application from the convention of the state of Pennsylvania,

Resolved, That 100,000 dollars be lent to the said convention of Pennsylvania, to be put into the hands of the council of safety; the said state to be accountable.

Resolved, That the secret committee be directed to send to captain Durkee, 200 lb. of powder, and a proportionable quantity of lead for the use of the two Westmoreland companies.

Resolved, That an order for 500 dollars be drawn on the treasurer, in favour of Mr. Philip Schuyler, in full for 500 lb. of powder purchased on the eastern shore, for the use of the continental forces.

Resolved, That the president be impowered to give orders for the payment of the bills drawn by the treasurers of North-Carolina for the use of the continental forces in that state.

On application of the parties,

Resolved, That the hearing and determining upon the appeal against the verdict and judgment passed upon the schooner Thistle be farther postponed to Monday the 9th of September next.

A petition

A petition from ſundry paper-makers was preſented to Congreſs and read, praying that Nathan Sellers an aſſociator in colonel Paſchall's battalion, may be ordered back from New-Jerſey, to make and prepare moulds, waſhers and utenſils for carrying on the paper manufactory:

Reſolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

Congreſs reſumed the report of the committee on diſabled ſoldiers and ſeamen, and came to the following reſolutions:

Whereas, in the courſe of the preſent war, ſome commiſſioned and non-commiſſioned officers of the army and navy, as alſo private ſoldiers, marines and ſeamen, may loſe a limb, or be otherwiſe ſo diſabled as to prevent their ſerving in the army or navy, or getting their livelihood, and may ſtand in need of relief:

Reſolved, That every commiſſioned officer, non-commiſſioned officer and private ſoldier, who ſhall loſe a limb in any engagement, or be ſo diſabled in the ſervice of the United States of America, as to render him incapable afterwards of getting a livelihood, ſhall receive during his life or the continuance of ſuch diſability, the one half of his monthly pay from and after the time that his pay as an officer or ſoldier ceaſes; to be paid by the committee as hereafter mentioned:

That every commander of any ſhip of war or armed veſſel, commiſſioned officer, warrant officer, marine or ſeaman belonging to the United States of America, who ſhall loſe a limb in any engagement in which no prize ſhall be taken, or be therein otherwiſe ſo diſabled as to be rendered incapable of getting a livelihood, ſhall receive, during his life or the continuance of ſuch diſability, the one half of his monthly pay from and after the time that his pay as an officer or marine, or ſeaman, ceaſes; to be paid as hereafter mentioned. But in caſe a prize ſhall be taken at the time ſuch loſs of limb or other diſability ſhall happen, then ſuch ſum, as he may receive out of the net profits of ſuch prize, before a dividend is made of the ſame, agreeable to former orders of Congreſs, ſhall be conſidered as part of his half pay, and computed accordingly:

That every commiſſioned officer, non-commiſſioned officer, and private ſoldier in the army, and every commander, commiſſion officer, warrant officer, marine or ſeaman of any of the ſhips of war, or armed veſſels belonging to the United States of America, who ſhall be wounded in any engagement ſo as to be rendered incapable of ſerving in the army or navy, though not totally diſabled from getting a livelihood, ſhall receive ſuch monthly ſum as ſhall be judged adequate by the aſſembly or other repreſentative body of the ſtate where he belongs or reſides, upon application to them for that purpoſe, provided the ſame doth not exceed his half pay.

Provided that no commiſſioned officer, non-commiſſioned officer and private ſoldier in the army, commander, commiſſion officer, warrant officer, marine or ſeaman of any of the ſhips of war or armed

armed veſſels belonging to the United States of America, who ſhall be wounded or diſabled as aforeſaid, ſhall be entitled to his half pay or other allowance, unleſs he produce to the committee or officer appointed to receive the ſame in the ſtate where he reſides or belongs, or to the aſſembly or legiſlative body of ſuch ſtate, a certificate from the commanding officer, who was in the ſame engagement in which he was ſo wounded, or in caſe of his death, from ſome other officer of the ſame corps, and the ſurgeon that attended him, or a certificate from the commander of the ſhip of war or armed veſſel engaged in the action in which any officer, marine or ſeaman received his wound, and from the ſurgeon who attended him, of the name of the perſon ſo wounded, his office, rank, department, regiment, company, ſhip of war, or armed veſſel to which he belonged, his office or rank therein, the nature of his wound, and in what action or engagement he received it:

That it be recommended to the ſeveral aſſemblies or legiſlative bodies of the United States of America, to appoint ſome perſon or perſons in their reſpective ſtates, who ſhall receive and examine all ſuch certificates, as may be preſented to them and regiſter the ſame in a book, and alſo what ſupport is adjudged by the aſſembly or legiſlative body of their ſtate to thoſe, whoſe caſe requires but a partial ſupport, and alſo of the payment from time to time of every half pay and other allowance, and of the death of ſuch diſabled perſon, or ceaſing of ſuch allowance, and ſhall make a fair and regular report of the ſame quarterly to the ſecretary of Congreſs or board of war, where a ſeparate record ſhall be kept of the ſame:

That it be recommended to the aſſemblies or legiſlative bodies of the ſeveral ſtates, to cauſe payment to be made of all ſuch half pay or other allowances as ſhall be adjudged due to the perſons aforenamed, on account of the United States.

Provided that all ſuch officers and ſoldiers that may be entitled to the aforeſaid penſion, and are found to be capable of doing guard or garriſon duty, ſhall be formed into a corps of invalids, and ſubject to the ſaid duty; and all officers, marines and ſeamen of the navy who ſhall be entitled to the penſion aforeſaid, and ſhall be found capable of doing any duty on board the navy or any department thereof, ſhall be liable to be ſo employed:

Ordered, That the above be publiſhed.

The medical committee, to whom Dr. M'Henry's petition was referred, brought in a report; whereupon,

Reſolved, That Congreſs have a proper ſenſe of the merit and ſervices of Dr. M'Henry, and recommend it to the directors of the different hoſpitals belonging to the United States, to appoint Dr. M'Henry to the firſt vacancy, that ſhall happen, of a ſurgeon's birth in any of the ſaid hoſpitals.

A letter

A letter of the 22d, from colonel James Wilſon, was read, and referred to Mr. Jefferſon, Mr. Franklin and Mr. J. Adams.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *Auguſt* 27, 1776.

A letter of the 23d, from general Mercer, was read and referred to the board of war.

A petition from Pelatiah Webſter was preſented to Congreſs and read; praying leave to ſell the ſloop Betſy, belonging to Abiel Wood of Pownalborough, in the province of Maine; from ſelling of which he is reſtrained by the committee of inſpection of the city and liberties of Philadelphia, on account of exceptions taken to the political character of the owner; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the petitioner have leave to ſell the ſaid ſloop; the money ariſing from the ſale to be lodged in the hands of the aſſembly of Maſſachuſet's Bay, and by them diſpoſed of in the ſame manner as the other eſtate of the owner.

Reſolved, That Zebulon Butler, Eſq; be appointed to ſupply the two companies, ordered to be raiſed in the town of Weſtmoreland, with proviſions, and that he be allowed therefor, at the rate of one twelfth part of a dollar per ration, until farther order of Congreſs.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the legiſlature of the commonwealth of Virginia, to provide cloathing for the continental troops raiſed in that ſtate; the expence of the ſaid cloathing to be paid out of the continental military cheſt for the ſouthern department, and deducted out of the ſoldiers pay:

That Mr. Meaſam who petitions to be provided for on the ſcore of his having ſerved in Canada, and alſo deſires payment of an account againſt the continent, be referred to the treaſury board for a ſettlement of his account.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to the Maryland troops ſuch arms as are in their poſſeſſion, belonging to the continent, and not already appropriated; the ſtate of Maryland to be accountable for ſuch arms delivered to their troops.

The committee, to whom the letter from colonel Wilſon was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon Congreſs came to the following reſolutions:

Congreſs proceeding to take into farther conſideration the expediency of inviting, from the ſervice of his Britannic majeſty, ſuch foreigners as are engaged therein, and expecting that, among the officers having command in the ſaid foreign corps, there may be many of liberal minds, poſſeſſing juſt ſentiments of the rights of human nature, and of the ineſtimable value of freedom, who may

be prompted to renounce ſo diſhonourable a ſervice by the feelings of humanity and a juſt indignation at the office, to which they are devoted by an infamous contract between two arbitrary ſovereigns, and at the inſult offered them, by compelling them to wage war againſt an innocent people, who never offended them, nor the nation to which they belong, but are only contending for their juſt rights; and willing to tender to them alſo, as they had before done to the ſoldiers of their corps, a participation of the bleſſings of peace, liberty, property and mild government:

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will give to all ſuch of the ſaid foreign officers, as ſhall leave the armies of his Britannic majeſty in America, and chuſe to become citizens of theſe ſtates, unappropriated lands in the following quantities and proportions, to them and their heirs in abſolute dominion; to a colonel, 1000 acres; to a lieutenant colonel, 800 acres; to a major, 600 acres; to a captain, 400 acres; to a lieutenant, 300 acres; to an enſign, 200 acres; to every non-commiſſioned, 100 acres, and to every other officer or perſon employed in the ſaid foreign corps, and whoſe office or employment is not here ſpecifically named, in the like proportion to their rank or pay in the ſaid corps; and moreover, that where any officers ſhall bring with them a number of the ſaid foreign ſoldiers, this Congreſs, beſides the lands before promiſed to the ſaid officers and ſoldiers, will give to ſuch officers further rewards proportioned to the numbers they ſhall bring over, and ſuited to the nature of their wants. Provided, that ſuch foreign officers or ſoldiers ſhall come over from the armies of his Britannic majeſty, before theſe offers ſhall be recalled.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs agrees to the propoſition from general Howe, that, in exchange of priſoners, the choice ſhall be made by the reſpective commanders for their own officers and men; provided the reſpective commanders ſhall alſo have a right to make choice what citizens ſhall be given in exchange by the other.

Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the plan of foreign treaties, and after ſome time, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Nelſon reported, that the committee have gone through the ſame, and made ſundry amendments therein.

Reſolved, That the plan of treaties, with the amendments, be referred to the committee who brought in the original plan, in order to draw up inſtructions purſuant to the amendments made by the committee of the whole:

That two members be added to the ſaid committee:

The members choſen, Mr. R. H. Lee and Mr. Wilſon.

A petition from the deputy commiſſary general was read, and referred to the board of war.

Sundry members of the committee appointed to reviſe the journals, and ſuperintend the printing thereof, being abſent:

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That four members be added to the ſaid committee, and that any two be a quorum:

The members choſen, Mr. Heyward, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Williams and Mr. Walton.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *Auguſt* 28, 1776.

A letter of the 26th from general Waſhington, incloſing a copy of a letter to him from lord Drummond; alſo a letter of the 27th, from captain Wade, were read.

Reſolved, That the letter from captain Wade be referred to the board of treaſury, and that they be directed to ſend him 100 dollars; for which he is to be accountable.

A petition from Jacob Bankſon, and one from Jean Langeay, were read and referred to the board of war.

Reſolved, That an order for 500,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of the marine committee, who are to be accountable for the expenditure thereof.

Reſolved, That an order for 5000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of the delegates of Georgia, for the purpoſe of purchaſing rifles for the troops ordered to be raiſed for the defence of that ſtate, and for defraying the expences of their march to Georgia; the ſaid delegates to be accountable for the expenditure thereof.

Congreſs being informed, that one of the Virginia battalions was on their march to New-Jerſey, and that they intend to paſs through York-town and Philadelphia:

Reſolved, That the commanding officer of the ſaid battalion be directed to march from York-town, by the neareſt route, to New-Jerſey; there to be ſubject to the orders of general Waſhington.

The marine committee having recommended Joſeph Greenway to be third lieutenant on board the Delaware frigate commanded by Charles Alexander, Eſq;

Reſolved, That he be accepted, and a commiſſion granted to him accordingly.

A petition from Jacob Fowler was read, and referred to the ſtanding committee for indian affairs.

Reſolved, That the marine committee be directed to lend ten bolts of light duck to the delegates of Maryland, for the uſe of the troops from that ſtate; provided the ſame can be done without prejudicing the marine ſervice.

Reſolved, That an order for 312 dollars and twenty-four ninetieths be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of the medical committee; the ſame being for a box of rhubarb bought by them of Pelatiah Webſter.

The delegates of Virginia produced new credentials of their appointment, which were read, as follows: "VIRGINIA,

"VIRGINIA, ſct. In CONVENTION, Thurſday, June 20, 1776,

"The convention proceeded according to the order of the day, to the appointment of delegates to repreſent this colony in General Congreſs, and the members having prepared tickets, and put the ſame into the ballot-box, Mr. Treaſurer, Mr. George Maſon, Mr. Blair, Mr. Holt and Mr. Henry Tazewell, were appointed a committee to examine the ſame, and report upon whom the majority falls; and it appearing from the report of the committee, that the majority was in favour of George Wythe, Thomas Nelſon, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferſon and Francis Lightfoot Lee, Eſqrs; Reſolved therefore, that the ſaid George Wythe, Thomas Nelſon, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferſon and Francis Lightfoot Lee, Eſqrs; be, and they are hereby appointed delegates, to repreſent this colony in general Congreſs for one year, from the 11th of Auguſt next.

"*Reſolved*, That any three of the ſaid delegates be a ſufficient number to repreſent this colony in the ſaid general Congreſs.

A copy. JOHN TAZEWELL, Clk. Conv."

The committee to whom the letter from Meaſe and Caldwell was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That 500 lb. of gunpowder be delivered to the ſaid Meaſe and Caldwell, for the purpoſe of procuring deerſkins to make breeches for the ſoldiery in the ſervice of the United States, they to be accountable:

That the ſecret committee be directed to fall upon proper ways and means of procuring a further ſupply of deer ſkins for the like purpoſe from Georgia and South-Carolina.

The committee to whom was referred the letter from Harriot Temple brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That upon the ſaid Harriot's producing to the quarter maſter general an account of the trees which were cut down upon the farm of Robert Temple, Eſq; for the purpoſe of ſupplying the continental army with wood for firing, or for the purpoſes of fortifications, ſo far as from the nature of the circumſtances ſuch deſtruction can be aſcertained by her, the quarter maſter general of the continental army ſhall make her a juſt compenſation for the ſame, in ſuch manner as other perſons have been paid who have ſupplied the army with wood for theſe purpoſes, and the quarter-maſter general in his accounts ſhall be allowed for the ſame by this Congreſs.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee for enquiring into, and rectifying the defects in the powder manufactured for the United States; and thereupon,

Reſolved, That there be an inſpector or inſpectors ſufficiently qualified to judge the goodneſs of gunpowder, who ſhall examine every

every caſk of gunpowder manufactured, or to be purchaſed on account of the United States, by the moſt approved method of aſcertaining the quality of gunpowder, the ſaid inſpector or inſpectors to receive one eighth part of a dollar for every hundred weight of powder he or they ſhall ſo examine:

That no gunpowder be received into the public magazine for the uſe of the United States of America, or delivered from the powder mills for that purpoſe, but ſuch as has been approved of by the public inſpector, as to its quickneſs in firing, ſtrength, dryneſs and other neceſſary qualities:

That the inſpector mark each caſk approved, with the letters U. S. A. and ſuch other marks as are neceſſary to diſtinguiſh the ſeveral ſorts of gunpowder:

That every maker of gunpowder mark every caſk in which he ſhall pack his gunpowder, with the firſt letters of his name:

That gunpowder be put into no caſks but ſuch as are well ſeaſoned and dry:

That it be recommended to the legiſlatures of the ſeveral ſtates of America, to cauſe ſuitable inſpectors to be appointed to examine and determine the quality of all gunpowder manufactured within their juriſdiction, and that no perſon be allowed to vend any gunpowder manufactured in any of the ſtates of America, unleſs the ſame in the judgment of ſuch inſpector ſhall be of ſufficient quality; and to make ſuch laws for executing this, or any other regulations for promoting the manufacture of good gunpowder as to them may ſeem moſt convenient.

Congreſs then proceeded to the election of an inſpector of gunpowder, and the ballots being taken,

Rober Towers was choſen.

Reſolved, That 500,000 dollars be ſent to the paymaſter general at New-York:

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *Auguſt* 29, 1776.

A letter of the 27th from R. H. Harriſon the general's ſecretary, and one of the 28th from general Mercer, both giving an account of an action on Long-Iſland on the 27th, were read and referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 28th from Richard Dallam, deputy paymaſter general for the flying camp, was alſo read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That an order for 10,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer in favour of Guſtavus Riſberg, and that the ſame be charged to the account of Mr. Dallam:

That the letter from Mr. Dallam be referred to the board of treaſury.

It being repreſented by Dr. Franklin, one of the late commiſſioners to Canada, that monſieur Bernard Mouſac de la Marquiſie had a commiſſion given to him by the ſaid commiſſioners, to be a captain and engineer in one of the regiments to be raiſed there, and that he loſt his commiſſion with his baggage at Chamblee; it was thereupon,

Reſolved, That a new commiſſion be granted to him.

A letter of the 3d from lord Stirling was read and referred to the cannon committee.

The marine committee having recommended Alpheus Rice to be firſt lieutenant of marines on board the brig Hamden, commanded by Hoyſted Hacker, Eſq;

Reſolved, That he be accepted, and a commiſſion granted to him accordingly.

The committee appointed to conſider the claims of Canadians, who have been in the ſervice of the continent; reported,

That Samuel Morriſon who appears by the certificates of lieutenant-colonels Williams and Brown to have been at the ſiege of Quebec two months and ſix days, and to have rendered eſſential ſervice in ſeveral capacities, and had been promiſed a commiſſion of captain, which he never received, be allowed the ſum of 40 dollars in full for his ſaid ſervices:

That the petition of Hardouen Merlet for a penſion, in conſideration of his ſervices, not being ſupported by any certificate, a voucher relating to ſuch ſervices, no allowance can, at preſent properly be made to him:

That there be paid to Francis Bourignon the ſum of 45 dollars and one third, due to him for his ſervice as a private three months, and as a ſerjeant four months in colonel Hazen's and colonel Brown's regiments;

The ſaid report being read, was agreed to.

A letter of the 2d from general Lee at Charleſtown with an intercepted letter incloſed, was read.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to provide proper cloathing for the German battalion, and alſo for the two Virginia battalions on their march to New-York, the coſt of which cloathing to be deducted out of the pay of the men by ſtoppages.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to provide proper arms for the German battalion, and in caſe they cannot otherways provide arms, that they be impowered to apply to this purpoſe thoſe ordered to be put into the hands of the marines:

That the ſaid committee be directed to deliver to Mr. James Meaſe, the bale of cloths in their poſſeſſion for the public ſervice, he to be accountable:

That the ſaid committee be directed to import the medicines ordered by the medical committee.

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The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To Joſeph Sheerer, for account of captain Cowden, for 608 rations due to his company of militia, at the time of their march from Lancaſter county on their way to New-Jerſey, 54 dollars and four ninetieths:

To Joſeph Sheerer, for account of captain James Murray, for 700 rations due to his company of militia, at the time of their march from Lancaſter county on their way to New-Jerſey, 61 dollars and twenty ninetieths:

To Richard Chiney, for 1311 meals ſupplied the militia, on their march to New-Jerſey, 122 dollars and ſixty-ſix ninetieths:

To David Jones, for his pay as chaplain to the third and fourth Pennſylvania battalions, from the 13th of June to the 29th of Auguſt incluſive, 84 dollars and forty ninetieths:

To Joſiah Fiſſenden, for ſervices as an expreſs, including horſe-hire and travelling expences, 89 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That George Meaſam, Eſq; be continued in the office of ſuperintendant commiſſary of ſtores, except artillery ſtores, for the northern army, with the pay of 33 dollars and one-third per month.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to deviſe ways and means of regulating the poſt-office, and of eſtabliſhing advice boats between the ſouthern colonies and Philadelphia, ſo as to facilitate and expedite the conveying intelligence from one part of the continent to another:

The members choſen, Mr. Heyward, Mr. Jefferſon and Mr. Morris.

Reſolved, That the letter incloſed in that of general Lee's of the 2d, and which was found on Long-Iſland in South-Carolina, be publiſhed.

A letter from Monſ. Le Chevalier Saurelle was read, and referred to the board of war.

Reſolved, That the committee, to whom the plan of treaties, with the amendments, was re-committed, be impowered to prepare ſuch farther inſtructions as to them ſhall ſeem proper, and make report thereof to Congreſs.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *Auguſt* 30, 1776.

A letter of the 29th from general Waſhington, and one of the 22d from governor Trumbull, were read.

Reſolved, That the letter from governor Trumbull be referred to the board of treaſury.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the duck, in the hands of Mr. Green at Rhode-Iſland, be made up into tents, and forwarded, with all poſſible expedition, to general Waſhington.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to purchaſe all the linen, in this city, ſuitable for tents, and have the ſame made up as ſoon as poſſible, and report to Congreſs immediately the quantity that can be procured.

A memorial from David White, of the county of Summerſet in New-Jerſey, was preſented to Congreſs and read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That from the ſtate of facts in the ſaid memorial, Congreſs have no objection to Mr. White's being excuſed from bearing arms, but remit the ſame to the aſſembly of New-Jerſey, to whom the enquiry and determination properly belong.

A memorial from Mr. Koſciuſko was read and referred to the board of war.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on governor Trumbull's letter of the 19th of July, and after debate, the report was re-committed for the purpoſe of ſtating the facts and circumſtances, which induced governor Trumbull to ſtop the veſſels going out of the ſound.

The committee for regulating the poſt-office, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the communication of intelligence with frequency and diſpatch, from one part to another of this extenſive continent, is eſſentially requiſite to its ſafety; that therefore, there be employed, on the public poſt-roads, a rider for every twenty-five or thirty miles, whoſe buſineſs it ſhall be to proceed through his ſtage three times in every week, ſetting out immediately on receipt of the mail, and travelling with the ſame, by night and by day, without ſtopping, until he ſhall have delivered it to the next rider; and that the poſt-maſter general be deſired, either by the uſe of way-bills, or by ſuch other means as he ſhall find moſt efficacious, to prevent delays in the riders, or to diſcover where they happen, that ſuch dilatory riders may be diſcharged.

And as it is requiſite that the deputy poſt-maſters ſhould attend with punctuality at their ſeveral offices for the receipt and delivery of letters:

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the aſſemblies and conventions of theſe ſtates, to conſider how far it may be conſiſtent with the policy and the good of their reſpective ſtates, to excuſe ſuch deputy poſt-maſters from thoſe public duties, which may call them from attendance at their offices, and to proceed therein as to their wiſdom ſhall ſeem beſt.

Reſolved, That three advice-boats be eſtabliſhed; one to ply between the ſtate of North-Carolina and ſuch port as ſhall be moſt convenient to the place at which the Congreſs ſhall be ſitting; one other between the ſtate of South-Carolina and the ſaid port, and one

one other between the ſtate of Georgia and the ſame port; that ſuch advice-boats be armed and put under the direction of the ſecret committee, who are impowered to freight them with ſuch merchandizes or commodities as, without retarding their paſſage, may, together with the uſual poſtage on letters, and other papers tranſmitted by them, contribute to defray the expences of the ſaid boats.

The convention of New-York having repreſented that, for want of blackſmiths, they are greatly delayed in obſtructing the paſſage of Hudſon's river, in the highlands, which is an object of great importance:

Reſolved, That the convention of New-York be impowered to employ, for the purpoſe aforeſaid, the blackſmiths that are now engaged in building the continental frigates at Poughkepſie.

The committee, to whom the petition of William Bell and company was referred, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That it be recommended to governor Trumbull to permit the ſloop Freemaſon, Epaphros Mygat, maſter, with her cargo, belonging to the petitioners, to proceed on her voyage to the iſland of St. Euſtatia, ſo ſoon as the ſaid maſter ſhall judge ſhe may ſail, without falling into the hands of the enemy on the coaſt.

The committee appointed to enquire into the claims of ſundry Canadians, report, that there is due,

To Andrew Pepin, for two months ſervices as a captain, and ſix months ſervices as a lieutenant, together with rations during the time of his ſaid ſervices, 201 dollars and one-third:

To James Pillieur, for five months ſervices as a private, and three months ſervices as a lieutenant, together with one ration a day, during the ſaid three months, 99 dollars and one-third:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The committee on the treaſury reported, that there is due,

To Melchior Meng, for waggon and horſe-hire, carrying money to New-York, eſcorted by Mr. Fullerton and others, the ſum of 28 dollars and four ninetieths:

To John Bates, for 150 camp kettles delivered to Clement Biddle, deputy quarter-maſter general, 200 dollars:

To Jacob Hiltzheimer, for expreſſes to Albany, New-York, Boſton, Burlington, &c. between the 11th of May and 13th of Auguſt, 1776, and for keeping a continental horſe, the ſum of 537 dollars and ſixty ninetieths:

To captain John Thacher, for the pay of his independant company, in the ſervice of the United States, at New-York, under general Lee, 405 dollars and nine ninetieths:

To George Haas, for conveying money to Albany, 21 days, at 2 dollars, and expences of himſelf, horſe-hire and ferriages, 100 dollars and ſeventy-one ninetieths, and for carriage of captain

Gamble's baggage from Philadelphia to Reading, 16 dollars; the whole 116 dollars and seventy-one ninetieths:

To Robert Jewell, 333 dollars and sixty-two ninetieths, viz. for his account for entertaining prisoners in gaol, from the 23d of July to the 20th of August inclusive, 234 dollars and sixty ninetieths; for his account for entertaining ten deserters, from the 23d of July to the 20th of August, 42 dollars and eighty-five ninetieths, and his account for making three pine tables, two pine desks, a book-case, sign-board, &c. for treasury board, 61 dollars and sixty-nine ninetieths:

To William Clayton, for 303 meals of victuals supplied the militia on their march to New-Jersey, 30 dollars and twenty-seven ninetieths:

To Thomas Cheesman, for carriage of 32cwt. 1lb. 3qrs. saltpetre, from Egg-harbour to Cooper's ferry, opposite to Philadelphia, 22 dollars and fifty-two ninetieths:

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *August* 31, 1776.

A letter of the 25th, from major general Schuyler at Albany, was laid before Congress and read.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *September* 2, 1776.

A letter of the 31st of August, from general Washington, inclosing the determination of a council of war, and the reasons for quitting Long-Island, and a copy of a letter from lord Stirling:

Also, one of the 23d from general Gates, with sundry papers inclosed; one from sundry field officers in the army at Ticonderoga, dated the 19th of August, with the proceedings between a court martial and brigadier general Arnold:

Also, a letter of the 23d from captain John Nelson, and one from Benjamin Harrison, jun. deputy pay-master general, with his weekly account, were read and referred to the board of war.

Congress being informed, that general Sullivan was come to Philadelphia, with a design to communicate a message from lord Howe:

Ordered, That he be admitted and heard before Congress.

A petition from Michael Fitzgerald; one from John Weitzel, and one from James Paul Govert, were read, and referred to the board of war.

A petition from Peter Diethery was read, and referred to the medical committee.

A letter from William Bausman, of Lancaster, was read; whereupon, *Resolved*,

Reſolved, That an order for 1333 dollars and one-third be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of the committee of Lancaſter, for defraying the expence of the barracks ordered to be built in that borough; the ſaid committee to be accountable.

Reſolved, That an order for 4577 dollars and ſixty-three ninetieths be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of Francis Lewis, Eſq; and charged to the account of Jonathan Trumbull, deputy paymaſter general; the ſame being for ſo much paid by Mr. Lewis's order to the ſaid J. Trumbull.

A memorial from Francis Guillot was read, and referred to the marine committee.

The committee, to whom was re-committed the report for aſcertaining the value of the ſeveral ſpecies of gold and ſilver coins current in theſe ſtates, and the proportion they and each of them ought to bear to Spaniſh milled dollars, brought in their report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

A petition from the officers of the 1ſt and 2d Virginia battalion was read, and referred to the board of war.

Reſolved, That an order for 30,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of J. Meaſe, for the public ſervice; he to be accountable.

General Sullivan being admitted, delivered a verbal meſſage he had in charge from lord Howe, which he was deſired to reduce to writing, and then withdrew.

Reſolved, That an order for 120,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of the delegates of Rhode-Iſland, and charged to the account of that ſtate, to be accounted for.

Congreſs being informed that Donald M'Donald, who was ſent to this city from North-Carolina, is conſidered by lord Howe as a brigadier general in the ſervice of his Britannic majeſty:

Reſolved, That he be admitted to his parole, and liberated upon ſigning the form preſcribed by Congreſs.

A petition from Anthony Moſengill was read, and referred to the aſſembly of the ſtate of New-Jerſey.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to prepare and bring in a plan of military operations for the next campaign.

Reſolved, That the continental agents be impowered to inſpect or appoint ſome ſuitable perſon or perſons, to inſpect all gunpowder manufactured or purchaſed in or imported into the reſpective ſtates, wherein they reſide, on account of the United States; except in thoſe ſtates where an inſpector is appointed by Congreſs.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To Robert Erwin, waggon-maſter, for the hire of waggons going to Egg-harbour for powder, viz. Adam Weaver, Joſeph Champeney, Michael Groſſman, Iſrael Fry, Jacob Hindman and George Raſer, one trip each, and David Boxe, William Park and

and Alexander Miller, two trips each, making twelve trips, allowing five days to each, at 4 dollars a day, 240 dollars:

To captain James Sterling, 664 dollars and fourteen ninetieths, being the balance of his account for the expence of a guard appointed to convey a number of Britiſh priſoners from Burlington to Lancaſter, and Frederick county in Maryland, with waggon and horſe-hire, amounting to 1464 dollars and fourteen ninetieths, of which ſum he received from the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania; and for which they are to be credited, July 16th, 1776, 100 dollars; July 17th, 1776, 700 dollars, and there remains 664 dollars and fourteen ninetieths:

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *September* 3, 1776.

A memorial from colonel Moſes Hazen was read, and referred to the committee appointed to enquire into the cauſes of the miſcarriages in Canada.

General Sullivan having reduced to writing the verbal meſſage from lord Howe, the ſame was read as follows:

" The following is the purport of the meſſage from lord Howe to Congreſs, by general Sullivan:

That, though he could not at preſent treat with Congreſs as ſuch, yet he was very deſirous of having a conference with ſome of the members, whom he would conſider for the preſent only as private gentlemen, and meet them himſelf as ſuch, at ſuch place as they ſhould appoint:

That he, in conjunction with general Howe, had full powers to compromiſe the diſpute between Great-Britain and America upon terms advantageous to both; the obtaining of which delayed him near two months in England, and prevented his arrival at this place before the declaration of Independancy took place:

That he wiſhed a compact might be ſettled at this time, when no deciſive blow was ſtruck, and neither party could ſay, that they were compelled to enter into ſuch agreement:

That, in caſe Congreſs were diſpoſed to treat, many things, which they had not as yet aſked, might and ought to be granted them; and that, if upon the conference, they found any probable ground of an accommodation, the authority of Congreſs muſt be afterwards acknowledged, otherwiſe the compact would not be compleat."

The board of war brought in a report, which was read:

Reſolved, That the part of the ſaid report, which relates to the eſtabliſhing a poſt between Philadelphia and Ticonderoga, be referred to the committee for regulating the poſt-office, and that the remainder of the report lie on the table:

That

That two members be added to the ſaid committee:

The members choſen, Mr. Hooper and Mr. Huntington.

Congreſs proceeded to the election of a regimental paymaſter to colonel Magaw's battalion, and the ballots being taken,

John Mifflin, brother to brigadier-general Mifflin, was elected.

Reſolved, That Jeduthun Baldwin, Eſq; be appointed an engineer in the continental army, with the rank of colonel, and pay of 60 dollars a month.

A letter from a number of officers who are priſoners at Carliſle was read, complaining of ſome ill treatment they have received, and of their baggage having been plundered, contrary to the capitulation, upon which they ſurrendered.

General Wooſter who happened to be in the outer room being examined touching the facts ſtated in the ſaid letter;

Reſolved, That a letter be written to general Schuyler directing him to make particular enquiry whether the baggage of the officers taken at St. Johns and Chamblee was plundered and by whom and report to Congreſs:

That the ſecretary of the board of war be directed to inform the officers that inquiry has been made of general Wooſter, to whom they refer, reſpecting the plunder of their baggage, and that he ſays he knows nothing of the matter, and that no information or complaint was ever made to him reſpecting that matter: And farther to inform them that Congreſs have given orders to general Schuyler to cauſe ſtrict inquiry to be made into this affair, and report thereon.

A letter of the 2d from general Waſhington, and one from Wm. Palfrey, paymaſter general, were read.

Reſolved, That the letter from general Waſhington be referred to a committee of the whole Congreſs:

Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Nelſon reported, that the committee have had under conſideration the letter to them referred, and have come to ſundry reſolutions, which he was ordered to report.

The reſolutions from the committee of the whole, being ſeverally read, were agreed to, as follows:

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be acquainted that Congreſs would have eſpecial care taken, in caſe he ſhould find it neceſſary to quit New-York, that no damage be done to the ſaid city by his troops, on their leaving it: The Congreſs having no doubt of being able to recover the ſame, though the enemy ſhould for a time obtain poſſeſſion of it.

Reſolved, That three more battalions be ordered from Virginia, of which that commanded by colonel Stephen to be one, to reinforce the army at New-York:

That

That for the ſame purpoſe two of the North-Carolina battalions be ordered to march with all poſſible expedition to New-York, under the command of brigadier-general Moore:

That it be recommended to the aſſemblies and conventions of the ſeveral ſtates to the northward of Virginia, immediately to ſend all the aid in their power to the army at New-York:

That one of the continental battalions in Rhode-Iſland be ordered immediately to march, to reinforce the army at New-York:

That it be recommended to the aſſembly of Maſſachuſets-Bay, to ſend to Rhode-Iſland a battalion of their militia, to ſupply the place of the continental battalion ordered from thence.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *September* 4, 1776.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to pay the Virginia battalion now on their march to New-York, one month's pay, and to ſupply them with ſuch neceſſary cloathing as they may ſtand in need of.

Reſolved, That another brigadier-general be appointed in the continental army:

The ballots being taken, colonel Adam Stephen was unanimouſly elected.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to call in the ſeveral recruiting parties of the German battalion, and to have them formed and armed with all poſſible expedition, and forwarded to New-York, taking meaſures, and giving proper directions to have the battalion recruited to the full complement as ſoon as the ſame can conveniently be done.

Reſolved, That the propoſal made by general Howe, as delivered by general Sullivan, of exchanging general Sullivan for general Preſcot, and lord Stirling for brigadier-general M'Donald be complied with.

Mr. J. Meaſe having in conſequence of the reſolution of the 30th Auguſt, made a report, that he cannot find there is any cloth in this city fit for making tents, except a parcel of light ſail cloth, which is in the hands of the marine committee:

Reſolved, That the marine committee be directed to deliver to Mr. J. Meaſe all the light ſail cloth in their poſſeſſion: And that Mr. Meaſe be directed to have the ſame made into tents as ſoon as poſſible, and forwarded to general Waſhington:

That the ſecret committee be directed to write to the continental agents in the eaſtern ſtates, deſiring them to purchaſe all the duck and other cloth fit for tents which they can procure in their reſpective ſtates, for the uſe of the continent.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the board of war, and after ſome time ſpent thereon,

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration thereof be poſtponed till to-morrow.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY. *September* 5, 1776.

A petition from John Shott was read and referred to the board of war.

Two petitions from the owners of the privateers Lee and Putnam were read, and referred to the marine committee.

A memorial from Jeremiah Halſey was read and referred to the board of war.

Reſolved, That general Preſcot, and brigadier general M'Donald be ſent by the board of war, under an eſcort to general Waſhington, to be exchanged for general Sullivan and lord Stirling.

Reſolved, That the marine committee be directed to deliver Mr. Hewes 400 three pound ſhot for the uſe of the continental troops in North-Carolina.

Two ſoldiers having eſcaped from Quebec, and applied to Congreſs for their pay.

Reſolved, That they be referred to the board of treaſury.

A memorial from captain John Doyle was preſented to Congreſs and read, ſetting forth that in conſequence of the reſolution paſſed the 16th of July laſt, he has enliſted 80 men, whereof about 60 have paſſed muſter, as appears by the roll produced, and that the other 20 are at Lancaſter, and therefore praying that a commiſſion may be granted to him purſuant to the ſaid reſolution.

Reſolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted; and that Samuel Brady be commiſſioned as firſt lieutenant, and William Mc. Murray, ſecond lieutenant of the company commanded by captain Doyle.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the report of the board of war; whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Sullivan be requeſted to inform lord Howe, that this Congreſs, being the repreſentatives of the free and independant ſtates of America, cannot with propriety ſend any of its members, to confer with his lordſhip in their private characters, but that ever deſirous of eſtabliſhing peace on reaſonable terms, they will ſend a committee of their body to know whether he has any authority to treat with perſons authorized by Congreſs for that purpoſe in behalf of America, and what that authority is, and to hear ſuch propoſitions as he ſhall think fit to make reſpecting the ſame:

That the preſident be deſired to write to general Waſhington, and acquaint him, that it is the opinion of Congreſs, no propoſals for making peace between Great-Britain and the United States

States of America, ought to be received or attended to, unleſs the ſame be made in writing and addreſſed to the repreſentatives of the ſaid ſtates in Congreſs, or perſons authorized by them: And if application be made to him by any of the commanders of the Britiſh forces on that ſubject, that he inform them, that theſe United States, who entered into the war only for the defence of their lives and liberties, will chearfully agree to peace on reaſonable terms, whenever ſuch ſhall be propoſed to them in manner aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That a copy of the firſt of the two foregoing reſolutions, be delivered to general Sullivan, and that he be directed to repair immediately to lord Howe.

Reſolved, That to morrow be aſſigned for electing the committee:

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *September* 6, 1776.

Reſolved, That general Sullivan be requeſted to deliver to lord Howe, the copy of the reſolution given to him.

Reſolved, That the committee "to be ſent to know whether lord Howe has any authority to treat with perſons authorized by Congreſs for that purpoſe in behalf of America, and what that authority is, and to hear ſuch propoſitions as he ſhall think fit to make reſpecting the ſame", conſiſt of three:

Congreſs then proceeded to the election, and the ballots being taken, Mr. Franklin, Mr. J. Adams, and Mr. Rutledge were elected.

A letter of the 4th from general Waſhington with ſundry papers incloſed,—

One of the 29th Auguſt from general Schuyler:

Four of the 18th, 20th, 26th, and 27th of the ſame month, from general Gates, with a return of the army at Ticonderoga, and other papers:

One of the 4th from brigadier-general Mercer, and

One of the 28th from colonel Maxwell incloſing a memorial from Jacobus Wyncoop were read.

Reſolved, That the memorial from Jacobus Wyncoop be referred to the marine committee, and that the other letters and papers be referred to the board of war.

Reſolved, That an order for 2794 dollars and fifteen ninetieths be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of George Morgan, Eſq; agent for indian affairs in the middle department, he to be accountable:

That Mr. Morgan be ſupplied with a copy of the reſolutions of Congreſs, relative to indian affairs in the middle department, and a copy of the treaty held with the indians at the German Flats:

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to deliver to captain Sherer 6 lb. of powder, and 24 lb. of lead for the uſe of two companies of riflemen, to prove their rifles.

A memorial from George Nicholſon with an account, was read, and referred to the board of treaſury.

A letter from captain William Jenkins was read, praying for leave, on account of his family affairs, to reſign his commiſſion:

Reſolved, That leave be granted.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That John Paul Shott, who is well recommended as an experienced officer, be appointed a captain in the continental army, with directions to raiſe a company as ſoon as poſſible; but as he may be uſefully employed immediately, that he be forthwith ſent to general Waſhington at New-York, and that a month's pay be advanced to him.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of the report be referred till to-morrow.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *September* 7, 1776.

A letter of the 16th of Auguſt from the indian commiſſioners at Pittſburg, incloſing a memorial from Alexander Roſs was read, and referred to the committee on indian affairs:

Alſo a letter of the 6th from R. Dallam was read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That an order for 1173 dollars and thirty ninetieths be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of colonel Charles Read, and charged to the account of Richard Dallam, deputy-pay-maſter-general, it being in full of a draught in his favour of the 6th inſt. by the ſaid R. Dallam:

That 200,000 dollars be ſent to R. Dallam, deputy-paymaſter general for the uſe of the flying camp, and militia,—he to be accountable.

A letter of the 5th from Charles Preſton, major of the 26th regiment, a priſoner, was read and referred to the board of war.

A letter and memorial of the 29th of Auguſt from William Wild was read, and referred to the convention of Pennſylvania.

The ſtate of Virginia, having on the 23d of July laſt, appointed William Brady, captain; William Pyle, firſt lieutenant; and Chriſtopher Brady, ſecond lieutenant in the battalion to be commanded by colonel Hugh Stevenſon, and Amos Thompſon to be chaplain to the ſaid battalion:

Reſolved, That commiſſions be granted to them accordingly.

Congreſs proceeded to the election of an adjutant for the battalion ordered to be raiſed in Weſtmoreland county, and the ballots being taken,

Michael Hoofnagel was elected.

A petition from Charles Roberts, maſter of the ſchooner Thiſtle, was preſented to Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Stockton, Mr. Stone, Mr. F. L. Lee, Mr. Penn and Mr. Walton, be appointed members of the committee on the cauſe of the miſcarriages in Canada, in the room of thoſe who are abſent.

Reſolved, That two members be added to the committee appointed on the 24th of July laſt, to conſider the propoſal made by the preſident of South-Carolina, reſpecting general Lee, in the room of thoſe who are abſent:

The members choſen, Mr. R. H. Lee and Mr. Walton.

Reſolved, That an order for ſixteen hundred dollars be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of David S. Franks; for which he is to account on the ſettlement of his accounts.

The ſtate of Rhode-Iſland having recommended ſundry gentlemen for field officers of the two battalions raiſed in that ſtate, Congreſs proceeded to the election; when William Richmond and Chriſtopher Lippit were elected colonels; Caleb Gardner and Adam Comſtock, lieutenant colonels; Benjamin Tallman and James Tew, majors.

Reſolved, That the battalion commanded by colonel Lippit be ordered to New-York, unleſs that commanded by colonel Richmond has already marched.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to deliver to the delegates of Maryland three peices of coarſe cloths for the uſe of the Maryland troops; the ſaid delegates to be accountable.

Reſolved, That Mr. Riſberg, aſſiſtant to colonel Biddle, be directed to take proper meaſures for providing the ſick ſoldiers in Philadelphia, with proper lodgings and attendance.

A letter from brigadier general M'Donald to the board of war was read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That he be allowed four days to prepare for his journey:

That a copy of that part of his letter, reſpecting his treatment in North-Carolina, be ſent to the convention of that ſtate.

Reſolved, That a copy of the reſolutions paſſed by Congreſs on the meſſage brought by general Sullivan, and the names of the committee appointed, be ſent to general Waſhington.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To Richard Welſh, for his ſervices as clerk, for delivering ſtores and proviſions in Canada, certified by Henry Menſon, in which ſervice he entered the 24th of April, and was diſcharged the 7th of June, 1776, at fifty-ninetieths of a dollar per day, 25 dollars:

To Caſper Carver, for the hire of a team from York-town in Pennſylvania to Williamſburg in Virginia, 16 days, at 4 dollars a day, 64 dollars, and for ferriages, 6 dollars and ſix ninetieths, and for the hire of another team from York-town, with captain Grier's company,

company, 14 days, at 4 dollars a day, and for ferriage, 3 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths; the whole being 129 dollars and fixty ninetieths:

To John Sparhawk, for two maps, a court calendar, &c. for the war office, as per R. Peters's certificate, 10 dollars and fixty ninetieths:

To John Bates, for 200 camp-kettles delivered to C. Biddle, D. Q. M. G. the fecond inftant, 266 dollars and fixty ninetieths:

To the following perfons, for which a warrant is to be drawn in favour of Monf. Rouville, for the fum of 788 dollars and ten ninetieths, the amount of his fix accounts, viz.

1. To hoftages fent by general Schuyler to Reading in Pennfylvania, namely, Allen M'Donald, fen. Allen M'Donald, jun. Alexander M'Donald, Rennel M'Donnel and Archibald M'Donald, their allowance from the 4th of June to the 3d of September, both days inclufive, is 13 weeks, at 2 dollars each, is, for the five, 130 dollars, and for Angus M'Donald and George M'Donald, two fervants, 13 weeks each, at one dollar a week, 26 dollars; of which they have received from the committee of Reading, 27 dollars and three ninetieths; the balance is 128 dollars and eighty-feven ninetieths:

2. To lieutenant Simon Evans, a prifoner fent from Canada to Reading, for expences from Montreal to Albany, 12 dollars, and allowance from the 10th of February to the 23d of Auguft inclufive, is 28 weeks, at 2 dollars a week, 56 dollars; the whole, 68 dollars; of which he received from the committee of Efopus, for 13 weeks allowance, 26 dollars; leaves a balance due to lieutenant Evans, of 42 dollars:

3. To captain Anftruther of the 26th regiment, for his allowance from the 18th of November to the 23d of Auguft, both days inclufive, is 40 weeks, at 2 dollars a week, 80 dollars:

4. To Marcus Lucullus Royal, mafter of the Gafpee, taken the 19th of November, in the river St. Lawrence, for his allowance to the 22d of Auguft, is 39 weeks and four fevenths, at 2 dollars a week, 79 dollars and thirteen ninetieths; of which he has received from the committee of Efopus, 44 dollars; the balance due to him is 35 dollars and thirteen ninetieths:

5. To the Canadian prifoners at Briftol, viz. Monf. St. Ours Hervieux, Heurimont, de Chambault and la Marque, from the 3d of November, the time they were taken, to the 30th of Auguft inclufive, 43 weeks each, at 2 dollars, 430 dollars:

6. To George M'Kenzie, mate of the floop Hunter, taken the 4th of November, to the 25th of Auguft inclufive, is 42 weeks, at 2 dollars, 84 dollars; of which he has received at Albany, 12 dollars; the balance is 72 dollars:

To the following perfons, 564 dollars and eighty-five ninetieths, namely, to Adam Drinkhoufe, for his team from Philadelphia to Frederickfburg

Frederickſburg in Virginia, 29 days, at 4 dollars, and ferriage 7 dollars, is 123 dollars; to Martin Hauſman, Bernard Keppelar and Nathaniel Hoop, who went on the ſame journey with their teams, each 123 dollars, is 369 dollars; and to Matthias Koop, for the hire of his waggon from Philadelphia to Bergen point, with powder, 9 days, at 4 dollars, and ferriage, 2 dollars and thirty-five ninetieths, is 38 dollars and thirty-five ninetieths; and to Andrew Read, for the hire of his waggon from Philadelphia to New-York with medicines, 8 days, at 4 dollars a day, and ferriage, 2 dollars and fifty ninetieths, is 34 dollars and fifty ninetieths, and that the ſame ought to be paid to Robert Erwin, waggon-maſter general:

To Joſeph Hewes, Eſq; for caſh advanced to the guard going with five waggons to North-Carolina, with waggon-hire and caſks for powder, 140 dollars and twenty-five ninetieths:

To John Dennis, for eſcorting powder from Egg-harbour to Philadelphia, by order of the ſecret committee, 35 dollars and twenty-three ninetieths:

To colonel Jonas Clapham, for 53 rifle-guns bought of him for the uſe of colonel Stevenſon's rifle battalion in Virginia, 896 dollars and fifty-two ninetieths; which ſum is to be charged to the ſaid battalion:

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the report of the board of war; whereupon,

Reſolved, That all letters to and from the board of war and ordinance, or the ſecretary of the ſame, be free of all expence in the poſt-office of the United States.

The board having reported, that they have conſidered the petition of Jeremiah Halſey, and peruſed his written evidence, are of opinion, that the ſaid Halſey ought to receive the arrears of his pay, and that the reſolution of Congreſs, of the 9th of January laſt, be repealed; as it appears, that the ſaid Halſey was diſcharged from the ſervice, upon a regular certificate from the ſurgeon, by the commanding officer at St. John's, on account of ſickneſs, on the 13th day of November laſt, in purſuance of the order of general Montgomery; the Congreſs agreed to the ſaid report.

Congreſs proceeded to fill up the vacancies in the ſecond Pennſylvania battalion, and the ballots being taken,

Joſeph Wood, Eſq; was elected colonel;

Thomas Craig, Eſq; was elected lieutenant-colonel, and

William Butler, Eſq; major.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *September* 9, 1776.

Reſolved, That four months pay, being 106 dollars and two thirds, be advanced to Monſ. la Marquiſie, captain and engineer in the northern army; he to be accountable.

A letter

A letter of the 6th from general Washington, was read and referred to the board of war.

Resolved, That 500,000 dollars be sent to the paymaster general, for the use of the army at New-York.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to hear the parties on the appeal against the verdict and sentence of condemnation passed against the schooner Thistle and her cargo:

The members chosen, Mr. Stockton, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Paine, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Stone.

Resolved, That in all continental commissions and other instruments, where heretofore the words "United Colonies" have been used, the stile be altered for the future to the "United States."

The board of war brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table, to be taken into consideration to-morrow morning.

A memorial from Monsr. Pannelier de la Falconniere, was read and referred to the marine committee.

Congress proceeded to the election of a quartermaster for the German battalion, and the ballots being taken,

Frederick Seeger was elected.

Resolved, That an order for 136 dollars be drawn on the treasury, in favour of George Meade and Co. and charged to the account of Messrs. Chase and Carroll, it being in full of their bill in favour of John Vienne or order, dated at Montreal, May 28, 1776.

Resolved, That Mr. J. Mease be impowered to pay the draughts of capt. John Douglass, for such parts of the monthly pay of the privates in his company as he shall specify, and the same as paid be charged to the account of the said captain.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due to William Smith, continental druggist, 2490 dollars and thirteen ninetieths:

Ordered, That the same be paid.

Three petitions, one from Pierre du Calvert, another from Jaques Pileur, and the third from Andre Pepin, were read, and referred to the board of war.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *September* 10, 1776.

A letter of the 8th from general Washington, with sundry papers inclosed, was read; whereupon,

Resolved, That the president inform general Washington, it was by no means the sense of Congress, in their resolve of the 3d instant, respecting New-York, that the army, or any part of it, should remain in that city a moment longer than he shall think it proper for the public service that troops be continued there:

That the letter from the general be referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 31st of August, from the commissioners of indian affairs

affairs at Pittſburg, was read and referred to the ſtanding committee for indian affairs.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to ſupply captain Weſt of the Virginia riflemen, with 40 blankets.

A petition from Jean Longeay, and two from Seth Warner with ſundry papers incloſed, were read.

Reſolved, That the petitions from colonel Warner, with the papers incloſed, be referred to the commiſſioners appointed to audit and ſettle the accounts of the army in the northern department.

A letter of the 8th, from M. Tilghman, was read.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the board of war, and after ſome debate thereon,

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the ſaid report.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to ſupply the delegates of Maryland, with 40 blankets for the uſe of the troops from that ſtate.

Reſolved, That 4000 dollars be ſent to Zebulon Butler, Eſq; for the uſe of the two companies ordered to be raiſed in the town of Weſtmoreland; he to be accountable for the ſame, and that the money be delivered to and forwarded by the Connecticut delegates:

That major William Judd be authoriſed to muſter the ſaid companies.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *September* 11, 1776.

Reſolved, That an order for 60,000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of Mr. J. Meaſe, commiſſary for the public ſervice; he to be accountable.

A letter of the 7th from Joſeph Trumbull, Eſq; commiſſary general, with ſundry papers incloſed, was read:

Reſolved, That it be referred to a committee of three, and that they be directed and impowered to enquire into the conduct of Mr. Livingſton, deputy commiſſary general in the northern department:

The members choſen, Mr. Lee, Mr. Hooper and Mr. Sherman.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe, commiſſary, be directed to provide cloathing and other neceſſaries, for the firſt Virginia battalion now on their march to New-York.

A memorial from Stephen Pater de la Coſſade was read, and referred to the marine committee:

Alſo, a memorial from Seth Warner, and one from captains Wait Hopkins and Gideon Brownſon, of colonel Warner's battalion, were read, and referred to the board of war.

Reſolved, That a member be added to the board of war, in the room of colonel Harriſon:

The member choſen, Mr. F. L. Lee.

Congreſs

Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the report of the board of war, and after ſome time, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Nelſon reported, that the committee have taken into conſideration the matter to them referred, and made ſome amendments therein, but not having had time to go through the whole, deſired leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the report of the board of war.

The matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *September* 12, 1776.

A letter of the 31ſt of Auguſt, from Joſeph Wentworth to the ſecretary of Congreſs, with an appeal from the verdict and ſentence paſſed on the trial of the brigantine named the Elizabeth, was laid before Congreſs and read.

The committee for indian affairs, to whom the letter of the 31ſt of Auguſt, from the commiſſioners in the middle department, was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That two tons of powder and four tons of lead be immediately ſent to Pittſburg; to be diſpoſed of as the commiſſioners ſhall direct:

That the reſolution of Congreſs, reſpecting the deſtination of the battalion commanded by colonel M'Coy, be ſuſpended, and that the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department be impowered, during their ſtay at Pittſburg, to direct the operations of that battalion:

That the meaſures adopted by the commiſſioners, in the preſent critical ſituation of indian affairs, is approved of by Congreſs, who have the greateſt confidence in the prudence and vigilance of their future conduct.

Reſolved, That an order for 7000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of colonel M'Coy, for the uſe of his battalion; he to be accountable.

Reſolved, That application be made to the committee of Pennſylvania for 10,000 flints, to be delivered to George Morgan, Eſq;

The committee to whom the letter from Joſeph Trumbull, Eſq; with the papers incloſed, was referred, reported,

"That having conſidered the ſame, and recurring to the journal of Congreſs, on Mr. Trumbull's appointment to the commiſſariate, find the following reſolve on the 8th of July, 1776: "That the commiſſary general have full power to ſupply both armies, that upon the lakes as well as that at New-York, and alſo to appoint and employ ſuch perſons under him, and to remove any deputy commiſſary, as he ſhall judge proper and expedient; it being abſolutely

ſolutely neceſſary, that the ſupply of both armies ſhould be under one direction;"—whereupon,

Reſolved, That the above reſolution is ſo clear and explicit, and ſo well contrived to procure the due and proper diſcharge of the commiſſary's buſineſs, that the ſame ought to be adhered to, and immediately tranſmitted to the commanding officer in the northern department, and to the commiſſary general, as the full ſenſe of Congreſs, on the commiſſary general's right to direct the operations of his department, both as contractor and iſſuer of proviſions; and that Mr. Trumbull be informed, Congreſs expect this will remove his difficulties, and induce his continuance in the office of commiſſary for both armies, at New-York and on the lakes.

Congreſs then proceeded to the election of ſundry officers, and the ballots being taken,

David M'Clure was elected chaplain, and Ephraim Douglaſs, quarter-maſter of the battalion commanded by colonel M'Coy.

John Trumbull, Eſq; was elected deputy adjutant general of the army in the northern department, and Morgan Lewis, Eſq; deputy quarter-maſter general of the ſaid army.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to order the French officers, who have received commiſſions from Congreſs, to repair immediately to the places of their deſtination.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to pay the firſt battalion of Virginia troops, on their march to New-York, the arrears due to them.

The committee of treaſury, to whom the petition of George Nicholſon was referred, returned the ſame, and reported, that it ought to be referred to the board of war:

Reſolved, That the ſaid petition be referred to the board of war.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, As it appears from colonel Warner's repreſentation of the ſtate of his regiment, that major Painter's appointment much obſtructs the raiſing the ſaid regiment, that, therefore, major Painter be directed to repair to the city of Philadelphia, that the matter may be enquired into, and that it be recommended to col. Warner and the other officers, that they forthwith proceed to raiſe their men and complete the regiment, relying on the juſtice of Congreſs for the ſettlement of the uneaſineſs among them:

That the militia at New-York be paid by the pay-maſter general there, before diſcharged.

Reſolved, That the remainder of the report be re-committed.

Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into their farther conſideration the report of the board of war, and after ſome time, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Nelſon reported, that the committee have had under conſideration the matter to them referred, but not having come to a concluſion, deſire leave to ſit again. *Reſolved*,

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the report of the board of war.

Reſolved, That Mr. J, Meaſe be directed to deliver ſuch a number of blankets as he has, belonging to the continent, to captain Watkins for the uſe of his company which is inliſted to ſerve during the war, not exceeding one to each man.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *September* 13, 1776.

Two letters of the 7th and 11th from general Waſhington,

One of the 8th from general Green, and

A reſolution of the committee of ſafety of Pennſylvania of the 13th were read, and referred to the board of war.

The committee appointed to confer with lord Howe having returned, made a verbal report.

Ordered, That they make a report in writing as ſoon as conveniently they can.

The committee of the treaſury reported that there is due,

To Peter Baker for 1149 rations ſupplied colonel Peter Grubb's battalion of militia, and 204 meals to different companies of militia, on their march to New-Jerſey, 123 dollars and nineteen ninetieths:

To John Bates for 266 camp kettles delivered to Guſtavus Riſberg, aſſiſtant to the deputy quarter maſter general, for the flying camp, 354 dollars and ſixty ninetieths:

To Richard Cheney for 291 meals ſupplied the militia on their march to New-Jerſey, 29 dollars and nine ninetieths:

To Charles Ford for 10 weeks board, lodging, and waſhing for William Whiting, a wounded ſerjeant, from 8th June to 17th Auguſt, 10 weeks, at 1 dollar and one third per week, 13 dollars and thirty ninetieths:

To major Regonville, captain Duchene, lieutenant Smith, and lieutenant Demuraux, canadian priſoners, for their allowance from 3d November 1775 to 6th September 1776 incluſive, is 44 weeks, at 2 dollars a week, 352 dollars, and that the ſame be paid to Monſr. Regonville:

To Robert Towers for artillery ſtores for 2 three pound travelling cannon ordered by Joſeph Hewes, Eſq; for the ſtate of North-Carolina, 72 dollars and ſixty four ninetieths:

To Graaf, M'Clenachan, Hollingſworth, and Grigſon, for which a warrant is to be drawn in favour of the honourable Thomas Lynch, Eſq; for their expences to and from Williamſburg with the hire of a waggon, with money for South-Carolina; 267 dollars and thirty-two ninetieths:

To Joſeph Beck going expreſs from Philadelphia to Virginia 340 miles, at one ſixth of a dollar, 56 dollars:

To Michael Millenberger for five days uſe of his two horſe waggons, in tranſporting the ſick troops in New-Jerſey, of captain Brown's company, 13 dollars and thirty ninetieths:

To Frederick Bicking for 221 reams of paper for continental currency, at 6 dollars and eighty-four ninetieths a ream, 1532 dollars and twenty-four ninetieths:

To William Clayton for 338 meals of victuals ſupplied the militia on their march to New-Jerſey, 32 dollars and ſeventy-two ninetieths:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Two letters of the 8th from general Schuyler with ſundry papers incloſed; one of the 7th from Walter Livingſton, and one of the 12th of Auguſt from brigadier-general Armſtrong were read:

Ordered, That the foregoing letters with the papers incloſed in that from general Schuyler, except what relates to general Montgomery's accounts, be referred to the board of war, and that the papers relative to the ſaid accounts, be referred to the board of treaſury.

Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the report of the board of war, and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Nelſon reported that the committee have had under conſideration the matter referred to them, but not having yet come to a concluſion, deſired leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the report of the board of war.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *September* 14, 1776.

A letter from R. H. Harriſon, ſecretary to general Waſhington, was read.

Four French officers, who arrived in the Repriſal, captain Weeks, being recommended to Congreſs,

Reſolved, That they be referred to the board of war.

The board of war brought in a report which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the officers of militia, when on their march, and while in ſervice, be allowed rations like the officers on the continental eſtabliſhment, without any allowance of mileage:

That the commander in chief in the northern army be directed to erect barracks and other accommodations in the moſt convenient places in that department, and provide magazines of ſtraw, fuel and other neceſſaries for winter-quarters for ſuch number of troops, as he ſhall think proper:

That

That general Schuyler be informed that his letter of the 16th of laſt month was duly received, and referred to the committee appointed to inquire into the cauſes of the miſcarriages in Canada:

That captain Martindale and lieutenant Turner be allowed their pay and rations to this time, and that they be referred to the treaſury board for a ſettlement of their accounts:

That fifteen tons of powder, twenty thouſand flints, ten tons of lead, and one hundred reams of cartridge paper be immediately ſent to general Gates for the uſe of the army in the northern department:

That brigadier-general Armſtrong have leave to return from South-Carolina to Philadelphia:

That deputy commiſſary Livingſton's reſignation be accepted:

That captains Wait Hopkins and Gideon Brownſon be referred to the commiſſioners appointed to audit accounts in the northern department, for a ſettlement of their accounts:

That all continental troops and militia going home from ſervice reſtore all continental arms, and other property, and alſo all ammunition remaining in their poſſeſſion, at the time of their being about to return. Their pay to be withheld unleſs they produce certificates from the commiſſary of ſtores or quarter maſter general or their deputies in the department, where ſuch continental troops, or militia ſhall ſerve. And if any continental property, or ammunition be carried away by the militia before this reſolve, ſtoppages to be made from ſuch as have not received their pay, and that meaſures be taken with thoſe, who have been paid, by the councils of ſafety, or legiſlatures of each ſtate, for the reſtoration of ſuch continental property and ammunition.

A memorial from Jonathan Glover was read and referred to the marine committee.

A letter of the 9th from general Lee to the board of war, was laid before Congreſs and read.

A petition from captains Joſeph Gardner, James M'Dowell, John M'Dowell, Samuel Evans, Ephraim Blackburn, and Stephen Cochran was read.

Reſolved, That 25000 dollars be advanced to the ſtate of Maryland, which is to be accountable for the ſame.

The committees of Weſtmoreland and Bedford having in purſuance of the reſolution of Congreſs of the 15th July recommended Van Swearingan, Moſes Carſan, Samuel Miller, James Piggot, Wendal Oury, David Killgore, Eliezer Miers, and Andrew Mann for captains in the regiment commanded by colonel M'Coy, and Robert Moſley, John Findley, Matthew Jack, Ezechiel Hickman, Richard Carſan, William M. Greary, James M'Dowell, and Thomas Cook, for 1ſt lieutenants; William Thompſon, Alexander Sumrall, James Guthery, Philip Rodgers, Samuel Smith, William Mountz, James Buler, jun. and John Crawford for

for 2d lieutenants; Benjamin Neely, Joſeph Kerr, John Sims, David Wherry, Devalt Mecklin, Feolty Weaver, John Read, and Aquila White for enſigns, in the ſaid battalion.

Reſolved, That they be accepted, and that commiſſions be granted to them accordingly.

Whereas the delegates of South-Carolina have repreſented that by an arrangement made by Congreſs on the 18th day of June laſt, the regiment of artillery and two regiments of riflemen raiſed in that province, will obtain precedency over a regiment of rangers, though the latter was raiſed before either of the former, which may be attended with conſequences extremely prejudicial to the ſervice; therefore,

Reſolved, That the ſaid regiment of rangers commanded by colonel William Thompſon, do ſtill keep the ſame ſtation it had in the provincial arrangement, and be intitled to rank in the ſame way as other regiments in the continental ſervice.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *September* 16, 1776.

A letter of the 14th from general Waſhington, one of the 9th from general Schuyler incloſing a copy of one from general Gates, dated the 6th, and one of the 2d fram general Gates with ſundry papers incloſed were read, and referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 2d from general Schuyler was alſo read:

Ordered, That this be referred to the committee on indian affairs.

There being ſundry vacancies in colonel Warner's battalion, Congreſs proceeded to the election of officers to fill up the ſame, and the ballots being taken,

John Faſſet and M'Une were elected captains in the room of John Grant and Jacob Vorſborough, who have declined to accept their commiſſions, on account of their ill ſtate of health;

Joſeph Safford, Thomas Ranſon, John Chipman, and Robert Terrence firſt lieutenants in the room of ——— Dean deceaſed, Woolbridge and Allen who decline ſerving, and J. Faſſett promoted;

Benjamin Hopkins adjutant.

Reſolved, That there be an addition of three brigadiers-general in the continental army, and that Congreſs proceed immediately to the choice:

The ballots being taken,

Chriſtopher Gadſden, William Moultrie, and Lachlan M'Intoſh were elected.

A letter of the 31ſt of Auguſt from brigadier-general Lewis, and one of the 30th of the ſame month from William Rickman, director of the hoſpital in the ſouthern department were read:

Ordered, That the letter from W. Rickman be referred to the medical committee.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That 50,000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of Georgia, for the uſe of the continental troops in that ſtate, the ſaid delegates to be accountable.

Reſolved. That to-morrow be aſſigned for appointing commiſſioners, to audit the public accounts in Virginia.

It being repreſented by the delegates of North-Carolina, that from late accounts it appears, that the ſituation of affairs in that ſtate is ſuch, as to render it dangerous, if not impracticable to execute the reſolution of Congreſs of the 3d inſtant, ordering two of the North-Carolina battalions, under the command of brigadier-general Moore, to march to reinforce the army at New-York; whereupon,

Reſolved, That it be left to the diſcretion of the council of ſafety of North-Carolina, to execute or ſuſpend that reſolution, according as they ſhall think it moſt conducive to the public ſervice, and the ſafety of their particular ſtate.

Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the report of the board of war, and after ſome time, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Nelſon reported, that the committee have had under conſideration, the report from the board of war, and have made ſundry amendments, which they ordered him to lay before Congreſs:

Congreſs then took into conſideration the report of the board of war, and the amendments offered by the committee of the whole, and thereupon came to the following reſolutions:

That eighty-eight battalions be inliſted as ſoon as poſſible, to ſerve during the preſent war, and that each ſtate furniſh their reſpective quotas in the following proportions, viz.

New-Hampſhire,	3 battalions.
Maſſachuſetts-Bay,	15 do.
Rhode-Iſland,	2 do.
Connecticut,	8 do.
New-York,	4 do.
New-Jerſey,	4 do.
Pennſylvania,	12 do.
Delaware,	1 do.
Maryland,	8 do.
Virginia,	15 do.
North-Carolina,	9 do.
South-Carolina,	6 do.
Georgia,	1 do.

That twenty dollars be given as a bounty to each non-commiſſioned officer and private ſoldier, who ſhall enliſt to ſerve during the preſent war, unleſs ſooner diſcharged by Congreſs:

That Congreſs make proviſion for granting lands in the following proportions, to the officers and ſoldiers who ſhall ſo engage in the ſervice, and continue therein to the cloſe of the war, or until diſcharged

discharged by Congress, and to the representatives of such officers and soldiers, as shall be slain by the enemy.

Such lands to be provided by the United States, and whatever expence shall be necessary to procure such land, the said expence shall be paid and borne by the states in the same proportion as the other expences of the war, viz.

To a	colonel	500 Acres.
To a	lieutenant-colonel	450
To a	major	400
To a	captain	300
To a	lieutenant	200
To an	ensign	150

Each non-commissioned officer and soldier 100.

That the appointment of all officers and filling up vacancies, (except general officers) be left to the governments of the several states, and that every state provide arms, cloathing, and every necessary for its quota of troops, according to the foregoing estimate. The expence of the cloathing to be deducted from the pay of the soldiers as usual:

That all officers be commissioned by Congress:

That it be recommended to the several states, that they take the most speedy and effectual measures for inlisting their several quotas:

That the money to be given for bounties be paid by the pay-master in the department where the soldier shall inlist:

That each soldier receive pay and subsistance from the time of inlistment.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Adam Zantzinger, for the expence of five light horse escorting money to New-York, and one from thence to Albany, 94 dollars and sixty-four ninetieths:

To John Bates, for 300 camp-kettles delivered to Gustavus Risberg, 400 dollars:

To Philip Baker, for 289 meals of victuals, supplied captains Grier and Nelson's companies of continental troops, 18 dollars and thirty-one ninetieths:

To David Tryon, William Green, Peter Peterson, George Landers and Samuel Brush, for the hire of their shallops, with continental troops and baggage, from Wilmington to Trenton, 104 dollars:

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for taking into consideration the articles of war.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, *September* 17, 1776.

A letter of the 23d of Auguſt, from V. De Coetery Prejent, was read, and referred to the marine committee.

The ſtate of Maryland having recommended Thomas Beale, Eſq; to be captain; Peter Conter Hanſon, firſt lieutenant; James Lingar, ſecond lieutenant, and Richard Dorſey, third lieutenant, in colonel Stevenſon's battalion; and Elijah Evans to be a third lieutenant in the ſaid battalion, in the room of Henry Hardman who has reſigned:

Reſolved, That they be accepted, and commiſſions granted to them accordingly.

The committee appointed to confer with lord Howe, agreeable to the order of Congreſs, brought in a report in writing, which was read as follows:

"In obedience to the orders of Congreſs, we have had a meeting with lord Howe. It was on Wedneſday laſt upon Staten-Iſland, oppoſite to Amboy, where his lordſhip received and entertained us with the utmoſt politeneſs.

His lordſhip opened the converſation by acquainting us, that, tho' he could not treat with us as a committee of Congreſs, yet, as his powers enabled him to confer and conſult with any private gentlemen of influence in the colonies, on the means of reſtoring peace between the two countries, he was glad of this opportunity of conferring with us on that ſubject, if we thought ourſelves at liberty to enter into a conference with him in that character. We obſerved to his lordſhip, that, as our buſineſs was to hear, he might conſider us in what light he pleaſed, and communicate to us any propoſitions he might be authoriſed to make for the purpoſe mentioned; but, that we could conſider ourſelves in no other character than that in which we were placed, by order of Congreſs. His lordſhip then entered into a diſcourſe of a conſiderable length, which contained no explicit propoſition of peace, except one, namely, That the colonies ſhould return to their allegiance and obedience to the government of Great-Britain. The reſt conſiſted principally of aſſurances, that there was an exceeding good diſpoſition in the king and his miniſters to make that government eaſy to us, with intimations, that, in caſe of our ſubmiſſion, they would cauſe the offenſive acts of Parliament to be reviſed, and the inſtructions to governors to be re-conſidered; that ſo, if any juſt cauſes of complaint were found in the acts, or any errors in government were perceived to have crept into the inſtructions, they might be amended or withdrawn.

We gave it as our opinion to his lordſhip, that a return to the domination of Great-Britain was not now to be expected. We mentioned the repeated humble petitions of the colonies to the king and parliament, which had been treated with contempt and anſwered only by additional injuries; the unexampled patience we had

had ſhewn under their tyrannical government, and that it was not till the late act of parliament which denounced war againſt us, and put us out of the king's protection, that we declared our Independance; that this declaration had been called for by the people of the colonies in general; that every colony had approved of it, when made, and all now conſidered themſelves as Independant States, and were ſettling or had ſettled their governments accordingly; ſo that it was not in the power of Congreſs to agree for them, that they ſhould return to their former dependant ſtate; that there was no doubt of their inclination to peace, and their willingneſs to enter into a treaty with Britain, that might be advantageous to both countries; that, though his lordſhip had at preſent no power to treat with them as Independant States, he might, if there was the ſame good diſpoſition in Britain, much ſooner obtain freſh powers from thence, for that purpoſe, than powers could be obtained by Congreſs, from the ſeveral colonies, to conſent to a ſubmiſſion.

His lordſhip then ſaying, that he was ſorry to find, that no accommodation was like to take place, put an end to the conference.

Upon the whole, it did not appear to your committee, that his lordſhip's commiſſion contained any other authority than that expreſſed in the act of parliament, namely, that of granting pardons, with ſuch exceptions as the commiſſioners ſhall think proper to make, and of declaring America, or any part of it, to be in the king's peace, upon ſubmiſſion: For, as to the power of enquiring into the ſtate of America, which his lordſhip mentioned to us, and of conferring and conſulting with any perſons the commiſſioners might think proper, and repreſenting the reſult of ſuch converſation to the miniſtry, who, provided the colonies would ſubject themſelves, might after all, or might not at their pleaſure, make any alterations in the former inſtructions to governors, or propoſe in parliament any amendment of the acts complained of, we apprehended any expectation from the effect of ſuch a power would have been too uncertain and precarious to be relied on by America, had ſhe ſtill continued in her ſtate of dependance."

Ordered, That the foregoing report, and alſo the meſſage from lord Howe, as delivered by general Sullivan, and the reſolution of Congreſs in conſequence thereof, be publiſhed by the committee, who brought in the foregoing report.

Ordered, That the ſaid committee publiſh lord Drummond's letters to general Waſhington, and the general's anſwers.

Sundry reſolutions being moved and ſeconded, in addition to thoſe paſſed yeſterday, relative to the new army:

After debate,

Reſolved, That they be referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 10th, from brigadier general Lewis, was read:

Alſo, a letter from James Forreſt was read, and referred to the board of war.

Congreſs

Congreſs took into conſideration the plan of treaties to be propoſed to foreign nations, with the amendments agreed to by the committee of the whole, and the ſame was agreed to.

A letter of the 16th from general Waſhington was received and read.

Reſolved, That the conſideration of the inſtructions to be given to the commiſſioners to foreign ſtates, be poſtponed till to-morrow.

Ordered, That 1066 dollars and two thirds be advanced to Robert Erwin, waggon-maſter general.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed, after arming the German battalion, to arm the Maryland company on its march to New-York with the remainder, or with as many arms, as ſhall then be in their poſſeſſion belonging to the continent.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *September* 18, 1776.

A letter of the 16th from R. Dallam, deputy paymaſter general, was read.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That if rations be received by the officers or privates in the continental army in money, they be paid at the rate of eight ninetieths of a dollar per ration:

That Monſr. Jacque Paul Govert have the rank and pay of a captain-lieutenant of artillery in the continental army, and that a commiſſion be given to him accordingly:

That the medical committee ſend an aſſortment of proper medicines to the northern army:

That Monſr. de Vermonet have the rank and pay of a major by brevet, he being a gentleman of conſiderable military abilities:

That the bounty and grants of land offered by Congreſs, by a reſolution of the 16th inſtant, as an encouragement to the officers and ſoldiers to engage to ſerve in the army of the United States during the war, ſhall extend to all who are, or ſhall be inliſted for that term; the bounty of ten dollars, which any of the ſoldiers have received from the continent, on account of a former inliſtment to be reckoned in part payment of the twenty dollars offered by the ſaid reſolution:

That no officer in the continental army be allowed to hold more than one commiſſion, or to receive pay but in one capacity at the ſame time.

Reſolved, That the remainder of the report be poſtponed.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to prepare a reſolution for enforcing and perfecting diſcipline in the army.

Ordered, That 1564 dollars and forty-five ninetieths be paid in ſpecie to John Bonfield, and charged to the account of brigadier-

general Arnold, the ſame being in full of brigadier-general Arnold's note of the 11th of May laſt:

That an order for 1000 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer, in favour of the committee appointed to contract for caſting cannon, they to be accountable:

That the ſecret committee furniſh the ſaid committee with two barrels of powder for proving cannon.

Reſolved, That captain M'Kinzie, a priſoner in the gaol of Philadelphia, be liberated on his parole, the ſtate of his health requiring air and exerciſe; and that he be ordered to Reading in Pennſylvania, there to reſide under the ſame reſtrictions as other priſoners on their parole.

The committee of treaſury brought in a report on the ways and means of raiſing five millions of dollars, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Congreſs took into conſideration the inſtructions to the commiſſioners, and after debate,

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration thereof be poſtponed.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *September* 19, 1776.

The board of treaſury reported, that they have examined the vouchers brought into their office by Joſeph Hewes, Eſq; one of the naval committee, by which it appears that the naval committee have expended the ſum of 134,333 dollars and twenty-ſeven ninetieths, in fitting out eight armed veſſels.

Reſolved, That the ſame be allowed, and paſſed to the credit of the ſaid committee.

The naval committee having laid before Congreſs an account of ſundry outſtanding debts, and of ſundry goods by them purchaſed, and put into the hands of different perſons, who have not yet accounted for the ſame;

Reſolved, That the ſaid account be delivered to the marine committee, and that they be directed to take effectual meaſures to have the ſaid outſtanding debts collected and accounts ſettled.

Reſolved, That 66 dollars and two thirds be advanced to major le chevalier de Vermonet, he to be accountable:

That major de Vermonet be referred to the board of treaſury, for a ſettlement of his account for rations:

That 100 dollars be advanced to captain William Davies of Virginia, for the uſe of his company on their march to New-York, he to be accountable.

A petition from captain Woelper was read:

Ordered, That it be referred to the delegates of Pennſylvania and Maryland, who are directed to ſettle the rank of the captains and ſubalterns in the German battalion, and report to Congreſs.

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The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That Monsr. Marquis de Malmady be appointed to the rank and pay of a major by brevet in the continental army, and receive a commission accordingly:

That Monsr. Jean Louis Imbret, a gentleman well recommended as an engineer, be sent to general Washington to be employed in that capacity, in order to shew his abilities, and that one months pay as a captain be advanced for his expences:

That Monsr. Christian de Colerus be appointed to the rank and pay of a major by brevet, and that his commission be forthwith given him:

That Monsr. Jean Louis de Virnejouz be appointed to the rank and pay of a captain by brevet, and commissioned accordingly:

That the commander in chief of the forces of these states in the several departments, be directed to give positive orders to the brigadier-generals and colonels, and all other officers in their several armies, that the troops under their command may every day be called together, and trained in arms, in order that officers and men may be perfected in the manual exercise and manœuvres, and inured to the most exemplary discipline, and that all officers be assured, that the Congress will consider activity and success, in introducing discipline into the army among the best recommendations for promotion.

The commissioners for settling the public accounts in the northern army, having represented to the board of treasury, that sundry officers in the army holding two commissions had, previous to the time of general Schuyler's receiving the order of Congress not to allow pay to any person for more than one commission, received warrants from the general for payment in their double capacity, and desiring to know whether such accounts are to be allowed:

Resolved, That such warrants drawn by general Schuyler previous to the time of his receiving the order of Congress, be allowed by the commissioners:

That, to prevent for the future warrants being drawn by any general in the continental army, in favour of any officer, for more than one commission, the order of Congress be published, that no officer in the continental army is allowed to hold more than one commission, or to receive pay but in one capacity.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Henry Brothers, 54 dollars; George Troxsell, 64 dollars and seventy-two ninetieths, and Jacob Miller, 60 dollars; the whole amounting to 178 dollars and seventy two ninetieths; to be paid to colonel George Stricker, for the hire of three waggons from Maryland to Philadelphia, with the baggage of two field officers, and two companies belonging to the German battalion:

To the late colonel Caleb Perry, for provisions supplied the militia

militia on their march to New-Jerſey, with their ferriage, and the ferriage of baggage-waggons over Schuylkill, 53 dollars; to be paid to John Jacobs:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

A memorial from the chevalier Dorre was read:

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of war.

The committee for indian affairs brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That 66 dollars and ſixty ninetieths be paid to Jacob Fowleſ, of the Montauk tribe of indians on Long-Iſland, for his trouble in going to the Mohawk and Oneida nations of indians, and for his ſervices whilſt he remained amongſt them;

That the commanding officers of the ſeveral poſts, on the frontiers of Virginia and Pennſylvania, be deſired to give the earlieſt intelligence they can of every important occurrence they may have notice of, reſpecting the indians, to the commiſſioners, or, when they are not in the way, to the agent for indian affairs:

That it be recommended to the inhabitants of the frontiers, and to the officers at all the poſts there, to treat the indians, who behave peaceably and inoffenſively, with kindneſs and civility, and not to ſuffer them to be ill-uſed or inſulted:

That 400 dollars be paid to the agent for indian affairs, in the middle department, for expenditures, and be accounted for by him:

That the orders drawn by the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department, on the committee for indian affairs, for £ 1104 17 7¼, Pennſylvania currency, and for £ 73 0 9, of like money, being 3141 dollars and ten ninetieths, the coſt of ſundry merchandize bought by the agent for the indians; the former payable to James Heron, and the other to James Heron and James Bavard, be accepted, and that the money be paid by the treaſurer of the United States:

That a talk be delivered to the chiefs and warriors of the Shawaneſe indians, now in Philadelphia, to be communicated by them to their nation, in theſe words:

" The United States of America to their brethren, the chiefs and warriors of the Shawaneſe nation.

We have heard from you by Mr. Morgan, our agent, and are much pleaſed with your reception of him into your towns, and with your anſwers to our meſſages by him. We expect that you and our commiſſioners will ſhortly meet in council at Pittſburg, when we hope our old friendſhip will be renewed, and ſuch a peace eſtabliſhed between us, as will laſt for ever.

Our young brothers, Wenthiſſicia and Pellawa, have viſited their white brethren here in company with Mr. Morgan. They can tell you, that we keep our roads clear of thorns and briars, and open for all our indian brethren, who think proper to viſit us. We ſhall always be pleaſed to ſee our brothers, the Shawaneſe, and our brothers

brothers of every other indian nation. We wiſh to ſee ſome of their wiſe men at our great council-fire, which we preſerve bright and clear for all nations."

As it may be a means of conciliating the friendſhip of the Canadian indians, or at leaſt of preventing hoſtilities from them, in ſome meaſure, to aſſiſt the preſident of Dartmouth college, in New-Hampſhire, in maintaining their youth, who are now there under his tuition, and whom the revenues of the college are not, at this time, ſufficient to ſupport; that, for this purpoſe, 500 dollars be paid to the Rev. Dr. Eleazer Wheelock, preſident of the ſaid college.

Reſolved, That the adjutants of regiments, in the continental army, be allowed the pay and rations of captains, and have the rank of firſt lieutenants.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the articles of war, and after ſome time, the farther conſideration thereof was poſtponed.

Ordered, That the ſecret committee ſupply the ſtate of New-Jerſey with one ton of powder; the ſaid ſtate to be accountable.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *September* 20, 1776.

A letter of the 18th from general Waſhington, and one of the 13th from the general aſſembly of Maſſachuſet's Bay, incloſing ſundry papers, were read.

Ordered, That the letter from the aſſembly of Maſſachuſet's Bay be referred to the marine committee.

In order to prevent the officers and ſoldiers, who ſhall be entitled to the lands hereafter to be granted by the reſolution of Congreſs of the 16th, from diſpoſing of the ſame, during the war:

Reſolved, That Congreſs will not grant lands to any perſon or perſons, claiming under the aſſignment of an officer or ſoldier.

Ordered, That the medical committee forward 300 lb. of Peruvian bark to the ſouthern department, for the uſe of the troops there.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the articles of war, which being debated by paragraphs, were agreed to, as follows:

Reſolved, That from and after the publication of the following articles, in the reſpective armies of the United States, the rules and articles by which the ſaid armies have heretofore been governed ſhall be, and they are hereby repealed.

SECTION I.

Art. 1. That every officer who ſhall be retained in the army of the United States, ſhall, at the time of his acceptance of his commiſſion, ſubſcribe theſe rules and regulations.

Art. 2. It is earneſtly recommended to all officers and ſoldiers diligently to attend divine ſervice: And all officers and ſoldiers who ſhall

ſhall behave indecently or irreverently at any place of divine worſhip, ſhall, if commiſſioned officers, be brought before a general court martial, there to be publicly and ſeverely reprimanded by the preſident; if non-commiſſioned officers or ſoldiers, every perſon ſo offending ſhall for his firſt offence, forfeit one ſixth of a dollar, to be deducted out of his next pay; for the ſecond offence he ſhall not only forfeit a like a ſum, but be confined for twenty-four hours; and for every like offence ſhall ſuffer and pay in like manner; which money ſo forfeited ſhall be applied to the uſe of the ſick ſoldiers of the troop or company to which the offender belongs.

Art. 3. Whatſoever non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier ſhall uſe any prophane oath or execration, ſhall incur the penalties expreſſed in the foregoing article; and if a commiſſioned officer be thus guilty of prophane curſing or ſwearing, he ſhall forfeit and pay for each and every ſuch offence two thirds of a dollar.

Art. 4. Every chaplain who is commiſſioned to a regiment, company, troop or garriſon, and ſhall abſent himſelf from the ſaid regiment, company, troop or garriſon, (excepting in caſe of ſickneſs or leave of abſence) ſhall be brought to a court martial, and be fined not exceeding one month's pay, beſides the loſs of his pay during his abſence, or be diſcharged, as the ſaid court martial ſhall judge moſt proper.

SECTION II.

Art. 1. Whatſoever officer or ſoldier ſhall preſume to uſe traiterous or diſreſpectful words againſt the authority of the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, or the legiſlature of any of the United States in which he may be quartered, if a commiſſioned officer he ſhall be caſhiered; if a non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier he ſhall ſuffer ſuch puniſhment as ſhall be inflicted upon him by the ſentence of a court martial.

Art. 2. Any officer or ſoldier who ſhall behave himſelf with contempt or diſreſpect towards the general, or other commander in chief of the forces of the United States, or ſhall ſpeak words tending to his hurt or diſhonour, ſhall be puniſhed according to the nature of his offence, by the judgment of a court martial.

Art. 3. Any officer or ſoldier who ſhall begin, excite, cauſe or join in any mutiny or ſedition in the troop, company or regiment to which he belongs, or in any other troop or company in the ſervice of the United States, or in any party, poſt, detachment, or guard, on any pretence whatſoever, ſhall ſuffer death, or ſuch other puniſhment as by a court martial ſhall be inflicted.

Art. 4. Any officer, non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier, who being preſent at any mutiny or ſedition, does not uſe his utmoſt endeavour to ſuppreſs the ſame, or coming to the knowledge of any intended mutiny, does not without delay give information thereof to his commanding officer, ſhall be puniſhed by a court martial with death, or otherwiſe, according to the nature of the offence.

Art. 5.

Art. 5. Any officer or ſoldier who ſhall ſtrike his ſuperior officer, or draw, or ſhall lift up any weapon, or offer any violence againſt him, being in the execution of his office, on any pretence whatſoever, or ſhall diſobey any lawful command of his ſuperior officer, ſhall ſuffer death, or ſuch other puniſhment as ſhall, according to the nature of his offence, be inflicted upon him by the ſentence of a court martial.

SECTION III.

Art. 1. Every non-commiſſioned officer and ſoldier, who ſhall inliſt himſelf in the ſervice of the United States, ſhall at the time of his ſo inliſting, or within ſix days afterwards, have the articles for the government of the forces of the United States read to him, and ſhall, by the officer who inliſted him, or by the commanding officer of the troop or company into which he was inliſted, be taken before the next juſtice of the peace, or chief magiſtrate of any city or town corporate, not being an officer of the army, or where recourſe cannot be had to the civil magiſtrate, before the judge advocate, and in his preſence ſhall take the following oath, or affirmation, if conſciencioufly ſcrupulous about taking an oath.

I ſwear or affirm [as the caſe may be] *to be true to the United States of America, and to ſerve them honeſtly and faithfully againſt all their enemies or oppoſers whatſoever; and to obſerve and obey the orders of the Continental Congreſs, and the orders of the generals and officers ſet over me by them.*

Which juſtice or magiſtrate is to give the officer a certificate, ſignifying that the man inliſted did take the ſaid oath or affirmation.

Art. 2. After a non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier ſhall have been duly inliſted and ſworn, he ſhall not be diſmiſſed the ſervice without a diſcharge in writing; and no diſcharge granted to him ſhall be allowed of as ſufficient, which is not ſigned by a field officer of the regiment into which he was inliſted, or commanding officer, where no field officer of the regiment is in the ſame ſtate.

SECTION IV.

Art. 1. Every officer commanding a regiment, troop or company, ſhall, upon the notice given to him by the commiſſary of muſters, or from one of his deputies, aſſemble the regiment, troop or company under his command, in the next convenient place for their being muſtered.

Art. 2. Every colonel, or other field officer commanding the regiment, troop or company, and actually reſiding with it, may give furloughs to non-commiſſioned officers and ſoldiers, in ſuch numbers and for ſo long a time as he ſhall judge to be moſt conſiſtent with the good of the ſervice; but no non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier ſhall by leave of his captain, or inferior officer commanding the troop or company (his field officer not being preſent) be abſent above twenty days in ſix months, nor ſhall more than two private men be abſent at the ſame time from their troop or company,

pany, excepting ſome extraordinary occaſion ſhall require it, of which occaſion the field officer preſent with, and commanding the regiment is to be the judge.

Art. 3. At every muſter the commanding officer of each regiment, troop or company there preſent ſhall give to the commiſſary certificates ſigned by himſelf, ſignifying how long ſuch officers, who ſhall not appear at the ſaid muſter, have been abſent, and the reaſon of their abſence; in like manner the commanding officer of every troop or company ſhall give certificates, ſignifying the reaſons of the abſence of the non-commiſſioned officers and private ſoldiers; which reaſons and time of abſence ſhall be inſerted in the muſter rolls oppoſite to the names of the reſpective abſent officers and ſoldiers: The ſaid certificates ſhall, together with the muſter rolls, be remitted by the commiſſary to the Congreſs as ſpeedily as the diſtance of place will admit.

Art. 4. Every officer who ſhall be convicted before a general court-martial of having ſigned a falſe certificate, relating to the abſence of either officer or private ſoldier, ſhall be caſhiered.

Art. 5. Every officer who ſhall knowingly make a falſe muſter of man or horſe, and every officer or commiſſary who ſhall willingly ſign, direct, or allow the ſigning of the muſter rolls, wherein ſuch falſe muſter is contained, ſhall upon proof made thereof by two witneſſes before a general court martial, be caſhiered, and ſhall be thereby utterly diſabled to have or hold any office or employment in the ſervice of the United States.

Art. 6. Any commiſſary who ſhall be convicted of having taken money or any other thing by way of gratification on the muſtering any regiment, troop or company, or on the ſigning the muſter rolls, ſhall be diſplaced from his office, and ſhall be thereby utterly diſabled to have or hold any office or employment under the United States.

Art. 7. Any officer who ſhall preſume to muſter any perſon as a ſoldier who is at other times accuſtomed to wear a livery, or who does not actually do his duty as a ſoldier, ſhall be deemed guilty of having made a falſe muſter, and ſhall ſuffer accordingly.

SECTION V.

Art. 1. Every officer who ſhall knowingly make a falſe return to the Congreſs, or any committee thereof, to the commander in chief of the forces of the United States, or to any his ſuperior officer authoriſed to call for ſuch returns, of the ſtate of the regiment, troop or company, or garriſon, under his command, or of arms, ammunition, clothing, or other ſtores thereunto belonging, ſhall by a court martial be caſhiered.

Art. 2. The commanding officer of every regiment, troop or independent company, or garriſon of the United States, ſhall, in the beginning of every month, remit to the commander in chief of the American forces and to the Congreſs, an exact return of the ſtate

ſtate of the regiment, troop, independent company, or garriſon under his command, ſpecifying the names of the officers not then reſiding at their poſts, and the reaſon for, and time of, their abſence: Whoever ſhall be convicted of having, through neglect or deſign, omitted the ſending ſuch returns, ſhall be puniſhed according to the nature of his crime, by the judgment of a general court martial.

SECTION VI.

Art. 1. All officers and ſoldiers, who having received pay, or having been duly inliſted in the ſervice of the United States, ſhall be convicted of having deſerted the ſame, ſhall ſuffer death, or ſuch other puniſhment as by a court martial ſhall be inflicted.

Art. 2. Any non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier, who ſhall, without leave from his commanding officer, abſent himſelf from his troop or company, or from any detachment with which he ſhall be commanded, ſhall, upon being convicted thereof, be puniſhed according to the nature of his offence at the diſcretion of a court martial.

Art. 3. No non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier ſhall inliſt himſelf in any other regiment, troop or company, without a regular diſcharge from the regiment, troop or company, in which he laſt ſerved, on the penalty of being reputed a deſerter, and ſuffering accordingly: And in caſe any officer ſhall knowingly receive and entertain ſuch non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier, or ſhall not, after his being diſcovered to be a deſerter, immediately confine him, and give notice thereof to the corps in which he laſt ſerved, he, the ſaid officer ſo offending, ſhall by a court martial be caſhiered.

Art. 4. Whatſoever officer or ſoldier ſhall be convicted of having adviſed or perſuaded any other officer or ſoldier to deſert the ſervice of the United States, ſhall ſuffer ſuch puniſhment as ſhall be inflicted upon him by the ſentence of a court martial.

SECTION VII.

Art. 1. No officer or ſoldier ſhall uſe any reproachful or provoking ſpeeches or geſtures to another, upon pain, if an officer, of being put in arreſt; if a ſoldier, impriſoned, and of aſking pardon of the party offended, in the preſence of his commanding officer.

Art. 2. No officer or ſoldier ſhall preſume to ſend a challenge to any other officer or ſoldier, to fight a duel, upon pain, if a commiſſioned officer, of being caſhiered, if a non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier, of ſuffering corporal puniſhment, at the diſcretion of a court-martial.

Art. 3. If any commiſſioned or non-commiſſioned officer commanding a guard, ſhall knowingly and willingly ſuffer any perſon whatſoever to go forth to fight a duel, he ſhall be puniſhed as a challenger: And likewiſe all ſeconds, promoters, and carriers of

challenges, in order to duels ſhall be deemed as principals, and be puniſhed accordingly.

Art. 4. All officers of what condition ſoever have power to part and quell all quarrels, frays, and diſorders, though the perſons concerned ſhould belong to another regiment, troop or company; and either to order officers into arreſt or non-commiſſioned officers or ſoldiers to priſon, till their proper ſuperior officers ſhall be acquainted therewith; and whoſoever ſhall refuſe to obey ſuch officer (though of an inferior rank) or ſhall draw his ſword upon him, ſhall be puniſhed at the diſcretion of a general court martial.

Art. 5. Whatſoever officer or ſoldier ſhall upbraid another for refuſing a challenge, ſhall himſelf be puniſhed as a challenger; and all officers and ſoldiers are hereby diſcharged of any diſgrace or opinion of diſadvantage, which might ariſe from their having refuſed to accept of challenges, as they will only have acted in obedience to the orders of Congreſs, and done their duty as good ſoldiers, who ſubject themſelves to diſcipline.

SECTION VIII.

Art. 1. No ſuttler ſhall be permitted to ſell any kind of liquors or victuals, or to keep their houſes or ſhops open, for the entertainment of ſoldiers, after nine at night, or before the beating of the reveilles, or upon Sundays, during divine ſervice or ſermon, on the penalty of being diſmiſſed from all future ſuttling.

Art. 2. All officers, ſoldiers and ſuttlers, ſhall have full liberty to bring into any of the forts or garriſons of the United American States, any quantity or ſpecies of proviſions, eatable or drinkable, except where any contract or contracts are or ſhall be entered into by Congreſs, or by their order, for furniſhing ſuch proviſions, and with reſpect only to the ſpecies of proviſions ſo contracted for.

Art. 3. All officers commanding in the forts, barracks, or garriſons of the United States, are hereby required to ſee, that the perſons permitted to ſuttle ſhall ſupply the ſoldiers with good and wholeſome proviſions at the market price, as they ſhall be anſwerable for their neglect.

Art. 4. No officers commanding in any of the garriſons, forts, or barracks of the United States, ſhall either themſelves exact exorbitant prices for houſes or ſtalls let out to ſuttlers, or ſhall connive at the like exactions in others; nor by their own authority, and for their private advantage, ſhall they lay any duty or impoſition upon, or be intereſted in the ſale of ſuch victuals, liquors or other neceſſaries of life, which are brought into the garriſon, fort, or barracks, for the uſe of the ſoldiers, on the penalty of being diſcharged from the ſervice.

SECTION IX.

Art. 1. Every officer commanding in quarters, garriſons, or on a march, ſhall keep good order, and to the utmoſt of his power

er redreſs all ſuch abuſes or diſorders which may be committed by any officer or ſoldier under his command; if upon complaint made to him of officers or ſoldiers beating or otherwiſe ill treating any perſon; of diſturbing fairs or markets, or of committing any kind of riots to the diſquieting of the good people of the United States; he the ſaid commander, who ſhall refuſe or omit to ſee juſtice done on the offender or offenders, and reparation made to the party or parties injured, as far as part of the offender's pay ſhall enable him or them, ſhall upon proof thereof be puniſhed by a general court martial, as if he himſelf had committed the crimes or diſorders complained of.

SECTION X.

Art. 1. Whenever any officer or ſoldier ſhall be accuſed of a capital crime, or of having uſed violence, or committed any offence againſt the perſons or property of the good people of any of the United American States, ſuch as is puniſhable by the known laws of the land, the commanding officer and officers of every regiment, troop, or party, to which the perſon or perſons ſo accuſed ſhall belong, are hereby required, upon application duly made by or in behalf of the party or parties injured, to uſe his utmoſt endeavours to deliver over ſuch accuſed perſon or perſons to the civil magiſtrate; and likewiſe to be aiding and aſſiſting to the officers of juſtice in apprehending and ſecuring the perſon or perſons ſo accuſed, in order to bring them to a trial. If any commanding officer or officers ſhall wilfully neglect or ſhall refuſe, upon the application aforeſaid, to deliver over ſuch accuſed perſon or perſons to the civil magiſtrates, or to be aiding and aſſiſting to the officers of juſtice in apprehending ſuch perſon or perſons, the officer or officers ſo offending ſhall be caſhiered.

Art. 2. No officer ſhall protect any perſon from his creditors on the pretence of his being a ſoldier, nor any non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier who does not actually do all duties as ſuch, and no farther than is allowed by a reſolution of Congreſs, bearing date the 26th day of December, 1775: Any officer offending herein, being convicted thereof before a court martial, ſhall be caſhiered.

SECTION XI.

Art. 1. If any officer ſhall think himſelf to be wronged by his colonel or the commanding officer of the regiment, and ſhall upon due application made to him, be refuſed to be redreſſed, he may complain to the general, commanding in chief the forces of the United States, in order to obtain juſtice, who is hereby required to examine into the ſaid complaint, and either by himſelf or the board of war, to make report to Congreſs thereupon, in order to receive further directions.

Art. 2. If any inferior officer or ſoldier ſhall think himſelf wronged by his captain, or other officer commanding the troop or company

company to which he belongs, he is to complain thereof to the commanding officer of the regiment, who is hereby required to ſummon a regimental court martial, for the doing juſtice to the complainant; from which regimental court martial either party may, if he thinks himſelf ſtill aggrieved, appeal to a general court martial: But if, upon a ſecond hearing, the appeal ſhall appear to be vexatious and groundleſs, the perſon ſo appealing ſhall be puniſhed at the diſcretion of the ſaid general court martial.

SECTION XII.

Art. 1. Whatſoever commiſſioned officer, ſtore keeper, or commiſſary, ſhall be convicted at a general court martial of having ſold (without a proper order for that purpoſe) embezzled, miſapplied, or wilfully, or through neglect, ſuffered any of the proviſions, forage, arms, cloathing, ammunition, or other military ſtores belonging to the United States, to be ſpoiled or damaged, the ſaid officer, ſtore keeper, or commiſſary ſo offending, ſhall, at his own charge, make good the loſs or damage, ſhall moreover forfeit all his pay and be diſmiſſed from the ſervice.

Art. 2. Whatſoever non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier ſhall be convicted at a regimental court martial of having ſold, or deſignedly, or through neglect, waſted the ammunition delivered out to him to be employed in the ſervice of the United States, ſhall, if a non-commiſſioned officer, be reduced to a private centinel, and ſhall beſides ſuffer corporal puniſhment, in the ſame manner as a private centinel ſo offending, at the diſcretion of a regimental court martial.

Art. 3. Every non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier who ſhall be convicted at a court martial of having ſold, loſt or ſpoiled, through neglect, his horſe, arms, clothes or accoutrements, ſhall undergo ſuch weekly ſtoppages (not exceeding the half of his pay) as a court martial ſhall judge ſufficient for repairing the loſs or damage; and ſhall ſuffer impriſonment, or ſuch other corporal puniſhment as his crime ſhall deſerve.

Art. 4. Every officer who ſhall be convicted at a court martial of having embezzled or miſapplied any money with which he may have been intruſted for the payment of the men under his command, or for enliſting men into the ſervice, if a commiſſioned officer ſhall be caſhiered and compelled to refund the money, if a non-commiſſioned officer ſhall be reduced to ſerve in the ranks as a private ſoldier, be put under ſtoppages until the money be made good, and ſuffer ſuch corporal puniſhment (not extending to life or limb) as the court martial ſhall think fit.

Art. 5. Every captain of a troop or company, is charged with the arms, accoutrements, ammunition, clothing or other warlike ſtores belonging to the troop or company under his command, which he is to be accountable for to his colonel, in caſe of their being loſt, ſpoiled or damaged, not by unavoidable accidents, or on actual ſervice.

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Art. 1. All non-commiſſioned officers and ſoldiers, who ſhall be found one mile from the camp, without leave in writing from their commanding officer, ſhall ſuffer ſuch puniſhment as ſhall be inflicted upon them by the ſentence of a court-martial.

Art. 2. No officer or ſoldier ſhall lie out of his quarters, garriſon or camp, without leave from his ſuperior officer, upon penalty of being puniſhed according to the nature of his offence by the ſentence of a court martial,

Art. 3. Every non-commiſſioned officer and ſoldier ſhall retire to his quarters or tent at the beating of the retreat; in default of which, he ſhall be puniſhed according to the nature of his offence, by the commanding officer.

Art. 4. No officer, non-commiſſioned officer, or ſoldier, ſhall fail of repairing, at the time fixed, to the place of parade of exerciſe, or other rendezvous appointed by his commanding officer, if not prevented by ſickneſs, or ſome other evident neceſſity; or ſhall go from the ſaid place of rendezvous, or from his guard, without leave from his commanding officer, before he ſhall be regularly diſmiſſed or relieved, on the penalty of being puniſhed according to the nature of his offence, by the ſentence of a court martial.

Art. 5. Whatever commiſſioned officer ſhall be found drunk on his guard, party, or other duty under arms, ſhall be caſhiered for it; any non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier ſo offending, ſhall ſuffer ſuch corporal pnniſhment as ſhall be inflicted by the ſentence of a court martial.

Art. 6. Whatever centinel ſhall be found ſleeping upon his poſt, or ſhall leave it before he ſhall be regularly relieved, ſhall ſuffer death, or ſuch other puniſhment as ſhall be inflicted by the ſentence of a court martial.

Art. 7 No ſoldier belonging to any regiment, troop or company, ſhall hire another to do his duty for him, or be excuſed from duty, but in caſe of ſickneſs, diſability or leave of abſence; and every ſuch ſoldier found guilty of hiring his duty, as alſo the party ſo hired to do another's duty, ſhall be puniſhed at the next regimental court martial.

Art. 8. And every non-commiſſioned officer conniving at ſuch hiring of duty as aforeſaid, ſhall be reduced for it; and every commiſſioned officer, knowing and allowing of ſuch ill practices in the ſervice, ſhall be puniſhed by the judgment of a general court martial.

Art. 9. Any perſon belonging to the forces employed in the ſervice of the United States, who, by diſcharging of fire arms, drawing of ſwords, beating of drums, or by any other means whatſoever, ſhall occaſion falſe alarms in camp, garriſon, or quarters, ſhall ſuffer death, or ſuch other puniſhment as ſhall be ordered by the ſentence of a general court martial.

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Art. 10. Any officer or ſoldier who ſhall, without urgent neceſſity, or without the leave of his ſuperior officer, quit his platoon or diviſion, ſhall be puniſhed according to the nature of his offence by the ſentence of a court martial.

Art. 11. No officer or ſoldier ſhall do violence to any perſon who brings proviſions or other neceſſaries to the camp, garriſon or quarters of the forces of the United States employed in parts out of ſaid ſtates, on pain of death, or ſuch other puniſhment as a court martial ſhall direct.

Art. 12. Whatſoever officer or ſoldier ſhall miſbehave himſelf before the enemy, or ſhamefully abandon any poſt committed to his charge, or ſhall ſpeak words inducing others to do the like, ſhall ſuffer death.

Art. 13. Whatſoever officer or ſoldier ſhall miſbehave himſelf before the enemy, and run away, or ſhamefully abandon any fort, poſt, or guard, which he or they ſhall be commanded to defend, or ſpeak words inducing others to do the like; or who, after victory, ſhall quit his commanding officer, or poſt, to plunder and pillage: Every ſuch offender, being duly convicted thereof, ſhall be reputed a diſobeyer of military orders; and ſhall ſuffer death or ſuch other puniſhment as by a general court martial ſhall be inflicted on him.

Art. 14. Any perſon belonging to the forces of the United States, who ſhall caſt away his arms and ammunition, ſhall ſuffer death, or ſuch other puniſhment as ſhall be ordered by the ſentence of a general court martial.

Art. 15. Any perſon belonging to the forces of the United States, who ſhall make known the watch-word to any perſon who is not entitled to receive it according to the rules and diſcipline of war, or ſhall preſume to give a parole or watch-word different from what he received, ſhall ſuffer death, or ſuch other puniſhment as ſhall be ordered by the ſentence of a general court martial.

Art. 16. All officers and ſoldiers are to behave themſelves orderly in quarters, and on their march; and whoſoever ſhall commit any waſte or ſpoil, either in walks of trees, parks, warrens, fiſh-ponds, houſes or gardens, corn-fields, encloſures or meadows, or ſhall malicioufly deſtroy any property whatſoever belonging to the good people of the United States, unleſs by order of the then commander in chief of the forces of the ſaid ſtates to annoy rebels or other enemies in arms againſt ſaid ſtates, he or they that ſhall be found guilty of offending herein, ſhall (beſides ſuch penalties as they are liable to by law) be puniſhed according to the nature and degree of the offence, by the judgment of a regimental or general court martial.

Art. 17. Whoſoever belonging to the forces of the United States employed in foreign parts ſhall force a ſafe guard, ſhall ſuffer death.

Art. 18. Whoſoever ſhall relieve the enemy with money, victuals, or ammunition, or ſhall knowingly harbour or protect an enemy, ſhall ſuffer death, or ſuch other puniſhment as by a court martial ſhall be inflicted.

Art. 19. Whoſoever ſhall be convicted of holding correſpondence with, or giving intelligence to, the enemy, either directly or indirectly, ſhall ſuffer death, or ſuch other puniſhment as by a court martial ſhall be inflicted.

Art. 20. All public ſtores taken in the enemy's camp, towns, forts or magazines, whether of artillery, ammunition, cloathing, forage, or proviſions, ſhall be ſecured for the ſervice of the United States; for the neglect of which the commanders in chief are to be anſwerable.

Art. 21. If any officer or ſoldier ſhall leave his poſt or colours to go in ſearch of plunder, he ſhall, upon being convicted thereof before a general court martial, ſuffer death, or ſuch other puniſhment as by a court martial ſhall be inflicted.

Art. 22. If any commander of any garriſon, fortreſs or poſt, ſhall be compelled by the officers or ſoldiers under his command to give up to the enemy, or to abandon it, the commiſſioned officers, non-commiſſioned officers or ſoldiers who ſhall be convicted of having ſo offended, ſhall ſuffer death or ſuch other puniſhment as ſhall be inflicted upon them by the ſentence of a court martial.

Art. 23. All ſuttlers and retainers to a camp, and all perſons whatſoever ſerving with the armies of the United States in the field, though no inliſted ſoldiers, are to be ſubject to orders, according to the rules and diſcipline of war.

Art. 24. Officers having brevets, or commiſſions of a prior date to thoſe of the regiment in which they now ſerve, may take place in courts martial and on detachments, when compoſed of different corps, according to the ranks given them in their brevets or dates of their former commiſſions; but in the regiment, troop or company to which ſuch brevet officers and thoſe who have commiſſions of a prior date do belong, they ſhall do duty and take rank both on courts martial and on detachments which ſhall be compoſed only of their own corps according to the commiſſions by which they are muſtered in the ſaid corps.

Art. 25. If upon marches, guards, or in quarters, different corps ſhall happen to join or do duty together, the eldeſt officer by commiſſion there, on duty, or in quarters, ſhall command the whole, and give out orders for what is needful to the ſervice; regard being always had to the ſeveral ranks of thoſe corps, and the poſts they uſually occupy.

Art. 26. And in like manner alſo, if any regiments, troops or detachments of horſe or foot ſhall happen to march with, or be encamped or quartered with any bodies or detachments of other troops in the ſervice of the United States, the eldeſt officer, without

out reſpect to corps, ſhall take upon him the command of the whole, and give the neceſſary orders to the ſervice.

SECTION XIV.

Art. 1. A general court martial in the United States ſhall not conſiſt of leſs than thirteen commiſſioned officers, and the preſident of ſuch court martial ſhall not be the commander in chief or commandant of the garriſon where the offender ſhall be tried, nor be under the degree of a field officer.

Art. 2. The members both of general and regimental courts martial ſhall, when belonging to different corps, take the ſame rank which they hold in the army; but when courts martial ſhall be compoſed of officers of one corps, they ſhall take their ranks according to the dates of the commiſſions, by which they are muſtered in the ſaid corps.

Art. 3. The judge advocate general, or ſome perſon deputed by him, ſhall proſecute in the name of the United States of America; and in trials of offenders by general courts martial, adminiſter to each member the following oaths:

You ſhall well and truly try and determine, according to your evidence, the matter now before you, between the United States of America, and the priſoners to be tried. So help you God.

You A. B. do ſwear, That you will duly adminiſter juſtice according to the rules and articles for the better government of the forces of the United States of America, without partiality, favour, or affection; and if any doubt ſhall ariſe, which is not explained by the ſaid articles, according to your conſcience, the beſt of your underſtanding, and the cuſtom of war in the like caſes. And you do further ſwear, that you will not divulge the ſentence of the court, until it ſhall be approved of by the general, or commander in chief; neither will you, upon any account, at any time whatſoever, diſcloſe or diſcover the vote or opinion of any particular member of the court martial, unleſs required to give evidence thereof as a witneſs by a court of juſtice, in a due courſe of law. So help you God.

And as ſoon as the ſaid oath ſhall have been adminiſtered to the reſpective members, the preſident of the court ſhall adminiſter to the judge advocate, or perſon officiating as ſuch, an oath in the following words:

You A. B. do ſwear, That you will not upon any account, at any time whatſoever, diſcloſe or diſcover the vote or opinion of any particular member of the court martial, unleſs required to give evidence thereof, as a witneſs, by a court of juſtice, in a due courſe of law. So help you God.

Art. 4. All the members of a court martial are to behave with calmneſs and decency; and in the giving of their votes, are to begin with the youngeſt in commiſſion.

Art. 5. All perſons who give evidence before a general court martial, are to be examined upon oath; and no ſentence of death ſhall

ſhall be given againſt any offender by any general court martial, unleſs two thirds of the officers preſent ſhall concur therein.

Art. 6. All perſons called to give evidence, in any cauſe, before a court martial, who ſhall refuſe to give evidence, ſhall be puniſhed for ſuch refuſal, at the diſcretion of ſuch court martial: The oath to be adminiſtered in the following form, viz.

You ſwear the evidence you ſhall give in the cauſe now in hearing, ſhall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. So help you God.

Art. 7. No field officer ſhall be tried by any perſon under the degree of a captain; nor ſhall any proceedings or trials be carried on excepting between the hours of eight in the morning and of three in the afternoon, except in caſes which require an immediate example.

Art. 8. No ſentence of a general court martial ſhall be put in execution, till after a report ſhall be made of the whole proceedings to Congreſs, or to the general or commander in chief of the forces of the United States, and their or his directions be ſignified thereupon.

Art. 9. For the more equitable deciſion of diſputes which may ariſe between officers and ſoldiers belonging to different corps, it is hereby directed, That the courts martial ſhall be equally compoſed of officers belonging to the corps in which the parties in queſtion do then ſerve; and that the preſidents ſhall be taken by turns, beginning with that corps which ſhall be eldeſt in rank.

Art. 10. The commiſſioned officers of every regiment may by the appointment of their colonel or commanding officer, hold regimental courts martial for the enquiring into ſuch diſputes, or criminal matters, as may come before them, and for the inflicting corporal puniſhments for ſmall offences, and ſhall give judgment by the majority of voices; but no ſentence ſhall be executed till the commanding officer (not being a member of the court martial) or the commandant of the garriſon, ſhall have confirmed the ſame.

Art. 11. No regimental court martial ſhall conſiſt of leſs than five officers, excepting in caſes where that number cannot conveniently be aſſembled, when three may be ſufficient; who are likewiſe to determine upon the ſentence by the majority of voices; which ſentence is to be confirmed by the commanding officer of the regiment, not being a member of the court martial.

Art. 12. Every officer commanding in any of the forts, barracks, or elſewhere, where the corps under his command conſiſts of detachments from different regiments, or of independant companies, may aſſemble courts martial for the trial of offenders in the ſame manner as if they were regimental, whoſe ſentence is not to be executed until it ſhall be confirmed by the ſaid commanding officer.

Art. 13. No commiſſioned officer ſhall be caſhiered or diſmiſſed from the ſervice, excepting by an order from the Congreſs, or by the ſentence of a general court martial; but non-commiſſioned officers may be diſcharged as private ſoldiers, and, by the order of the colonel of the regiment, or by the ſentence of a regimental court martial, be reduced to private centinels.

Art. 14. No perſon whatever ſhall uſe menacing words, ſigns, or geſtures, in the preſence of a court martial when ſitting, or ſhall cauſe any diſorder or riot, ſo as to diſturb their proceedings, on the penalty of being puniſhed at the diſcretion of the ſaid court martial.

Art. 15. To the end that offenders may be brought to juſtice, it is hereby directed, That whenever any officer or ſoldier ſhall commit a crime deſerving puniſhment, he ſhall, by his commanding officer, if an officer, be put in arreſt; if a non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier, be impriſoned till he ſhall be either tried by a court martial, or ſhall be lawfully diſcharged by a proper authority.

Art. 16. No officer or ſoldier who ſhall be put in arreſt or impriſonment, ſhall continue in his confinement more than eight days, or till ſuch time as a court martial can be conveniently aſſembled.

Art. 17. No officer commanding a guard, or provoſt-martial, ſhall refuſe to receive, or keep any priſoner committed to his charge, by any officer belonging to the forces of the United States; which officer ſhall, at the ſame time, deliver an account in writing, ſigned by himſelf, of the crime with which the ſaid priſoner is charged.

Art. 18. No officer commanding a guard, or provoſt-martial, ſhall preſume to releaſe any priſoner committed to his charge without proper authority for ſo doing; nor ſhall he ſuffer any priſoner to eſcape, on the penalty of being puniſhed for it by the ſentence of a court martial.

Art. 19. Every officer or provoſt-martial to whoſe charge priſoners ſhall be committed, is hereby required, within twenty-four hours after ſuch commitment, or as ſoon as he ſhall be relieved from his guard, to give in writing to the colonel of the regiment to whom the priſoner belongs (where the priſoner is confined upon the guard belonging to the ſaid regiment, and that his offence only relates to the neglect of duty in his own corps) or to the commander in chief, their names, their crimes, and the names of the officers who committed them, on the penalty of his being puniſhed for his diſobedience or neglect, at the diſcretion of a court martial.

Art. 20. And if any officer under arreſt ſhall leave his confinement before he is ſet at liberty by the officer who confined him, or by a ſuperior power, he ſhall be caſhiered for it.

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Art. 21. Whatſoever commiſſioned officer ſhall be convicted before a general court martial, of behaving in a ſcandalous, infamous manner, ſuch as is unbecoming the character of an officer and a gentleman, ſhall be diſcharged from the ſervice.

Art. 22. In all caſes where a commiſſioned officer is caſhiered for cowardice, or fraud, it ſhall be added in the puniſhment, that the crime, name, place of abode, and puniſhment of the delinquent be publiſhed in the news-papers, in and about the camp, and of that particular ſtate from which the offender came or uſually reſides: After which it ſhall be deemed ſcandalous for any officer to aſſociate with him.

SECTION XV.

Art. 1. When any commiſſioned officer ſhall happen to die, or be killed in the ſervice of the United States, the major of the regiment, or the officer doing the major's duty in his abſence, ſhall immediately ſecure all his effects or equipage then in camp or quarters; and ſhall before the next regimental court martial make an inventory thereof, and forthwith tranſmit the ſame to the office of the board of war, to the end that his executors may, after payment of his debts in quarters, and interment, receive the overplus, if any be, to his or their uſe.

Art. 2. When any non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier ſhall happen to die, or to be killed in the ſervice of the United States, the then commanding officer of the troop or company ſhall, in the preſence of two other commiſſioned officers, take an account of whatever effects he dies poſſeſſed of, above his regimental cloathing, arms, and accoutrements, and tranſmit the ſame to the office of the board at war; which ſaid effects are to be accounted for, and paid to, the repreſentative of ſuch deceaſed non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier. And in caſe any of the officers, ſo authoriſed to take care of the effects of dead officers and ſoldiers, ſhould, before they ſhall have accounted to their repreſentatives for the ſame, have occaſion to leave the regiment, by preferment or otherwiſe, they ſhall, before they be permitted to quit the ſame, depoſit in the hands of the commanding officer or of the agent of the regiment, all the effects of ſuch deceaſed non-commiſſioned officers and ſoldiers, in order that the ſame may be ſecured for, and paid to, their reſpective repreſentatives.

SECTION XVI.

Art. 1. All officers, conductors, gunners, matroſſes, drivers, or any other perſons whatſoever, receiving pay or hire in the ſervice of the artillery of the United States, ſhall be governed by the aforeſaid rules and articles, and ſhall be ſubject to be tried by courts martial, in like manner with the officers and ſoldiers of the other troops in the ſervice of the United States.

Art. 2. For differences ariſing amongſt themſelves, or in matters relating ſolely to their own corps, the courts martial may be compoſed

compoſed of their own officers; but where a number ſufficient of ſuch officers cannot be aſſembled, or in matters wherein other corps are intereſted, the officers of artillery ſhall ſit in courts martial with the officers of the other corps, taking their rank according to the dates of their reſpective commiſſions and no otherwiſe.

SECTION XVII.

Art. 1. The officers and ſoldiers of any troops, whether minute-men, militia, or others being muſtered and in continental pay, ſhall, at all times, and in all places, when joined or acting in conjunction with the regular forces of the United States, be governed by theſe rules or articles of war, and ſhall be ſubject to be tried by courts martial in like manner with the officers and ſoldiers in the regular forces, ſave only that ſuch courts martial ſhall be compoſed entirely of militia officers of the ſame provincial corps with the offender.

That ſuch militia and minute-men as are now in ſervice, and have by particular contract with their reſpective ſtates engaged to be governed by particular regulations while in continental ſervice, ſhall not be ſubject to the above articles of war.

Art. 2. For the future all general officers and colonels, ſerving by commiſſion from the authority of any particular ſtate, ſhall, on all detachments, courts martial, or other duty, wherein they may be employed in conjunction with the regular forces of the United States, take rank next after all generals and colonels ſerving by commiſſions from Congreſs, though the commiſſions of ſuch particular generals and colonels ſhould be of elder date: and in like manner, lieutenant colonels, majors, captains, and other inferior officers ſerving by commiſſion from any particular ſtate, ſhall on all detachments, courts martial, or other duty, wherein they may be employed in conjunction with the regular forces of the United States, have rank next after all officers of the like rank ſerving by commiſſions from Congreſs, though the commiſſions of ſuch lieutenant colonels, majors, captains, and other inferior officers, ſhould be of elder date to thoſe of the like rank from Congreſs.

SECTION XVIII.

Art. 1. The aforegoing articles are to be read and publiſhed once in every two months at the head of every regiment, troop or company, muſtered, or to be muſtered in the ſervice of the United States; and are to be duly obſerved and exactly obeyed by all officers and ſoldiers who are or ſhall be in the ſaid ſervice.

Art. 2. The general, or commander in chief for the time being, ſhall have full power of pardoning, or mitigating any of the puniſhments ordered to be inflicted, for any of the offences mentioned in the foregoing articles; and every offender convicted as aforeſaid, by any regimental court martial, may be pardoned, or have his puniſhment mitigated by the colonel, or officer commanding the regiment.

Art. 3.

Art. 3. No perſon ſhall be ſentenced to ſuffer death, except in the caſes expreſsly mentioned in the foregoing articles; nor ſhall more than *one hundred laſhes* be inflicted on any offender at the diſcretion of a court martial.

That every judge advocate, or perſon officiating as ſuch, at any general court martial, do, and he is hereby required to tranſmit, with as much expedition as the opportunity of time and diſtance of place can admit, the original proceedings and ſentence of ſuch court martial to the ſecretary at war, which ſaid original proceedings and ſentence ſhall be carefully kept and preſerved in the office of ſaid ſecretary, to the end that perſons intitled thereto may be enabled, upon application to the ſaid office, to obtain copies thereof.

That the party tried by any general court martial ſhall be intitled to a copy of the ſentence and proceedings of ſuch court martial, upon demand thereof made by himſelf or by any other perſon or perſons on his behalf, whether ſuch ſentence be approved or not.

Art. 4. The field officers of each and every regiment are to appoint ſome ſuitable perſon belonging to ſuch regiment, to receive all ſuch fines as may ariſe within the ſame, for any breach of any of the foregoing articles, and ſhall direct the ſame to be carefully and properly applied to the relief of ſuch ſick, wounded or neceſſitous ſoldiers as belong to ſuch regiments; and ſuch perſon ſhall account with ſuch officer, for all fines received, and the application thereof.

Art. 5. All crimes not capital, and all diſorders and neglects, which officers and ſoldiers may be guilty of, to the prejudice of good order and military diſcipline, though not mentioned in the above articles of war, are to be taken cognizance of by a general or regimental court martial, according to the nature and degree of the offence, and be puniſhed at their diſcretion.

Ordered, That the foregoing articles of war be immediately publiſhed.

Ordered, That the reſolutions for raiſing the new army be publiſhed, and copies thereof ſent to the commanding officers in the ſeveral departments, and to the aſſemblies and conventions of the reſpective ſtates.

A petition from Charles Roberts, commander of the ſchooner Thiſtle, was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 6700 dollars be advanced to the delegates of New-York for the uſe of that ſtate; the ſaid ſtate to be accountable.

Ordered, That Mr. Payne write to governor Trumbull, reſpecting the practicability of enlarging the furnace at Saliſbury, for caſting heavy cannon there, and requeſt his opinion concerning the ſame.

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The delegates from New-York having communicated to Congreſs a letter of the 9th from the committee of ſafety of that ſtate, with ſundry papers incloſed:

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take the ſame into conſideration, and report thereon with all convenient diſpatch:

The members choſen, Mr. Chaſe, Mr. Payne and Mr. Stockton.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to repair to head-quarters near New-York, to enquire into the ſtate of the army, and the beſt means of ſupplying their wants:

The members choſen, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Gerry and Mr. Lewis.

Reſolved, That an aſſiſtant phyſician to Dr. Shippen be appointed for the flying camp and troops in New-Jerſey, and that his pay be 2 dollars and two thirds per day:

The ballots being taken,

Dr. William Brown was elected.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *September* 23, 1776.

A letter of the 20th and 21ſt from general Waſhington; two of the 19th from J. Trumbull; one of the 21ſt from the convention of Delaware; one of the 14th from R. Varick; one of the 19th from governor Livingſton; alſo, one of the 14th from general Schuyler, and one of the 19th from colonel Van Schaick, and one from Dr. William Shippen, were read:

Ordered, That the letter from Dr. Shippen be referred to the medical committee, and the reſt to the board of war.

Two petitions; one from colonel J. Stark, and the other from Monſ. Devourouy, were read, and referred to the board of war.

A petition from captain Archibald Hamilton was read, praying that he may be permitted to return home, and reſide with his wife and children:

Reſolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

Reſolved, That two months pay be advanced to Monſ. Colerus, as major; the ſame to Monſ. Malmedy, and two months pay to Monſ. de Vernejouz, as captain.

A letter from the ſpeaker of the aſſembly of New Jerſey, with an extract of a letter from Amboy, were read:

Ordered, That a copy of the letter from the aſſembly, and of the encloſed letter from Amboy be ſent to general Mercer; and that he be deſired to take ſuch ſteps as ſhall effectually introduce order, and remove the complaints of the inhabitants of the ſtate of New-Jerſey.

Reſolved, That two members be added to the committee on the treaſury: The ballots being taken,

Mr. Hooper and Mr. Ellery were elected.

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to deviſe ways and means for providing cloathing and other neceſſaries for the army:

The members choſen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Wythe and Mr. R. Morris.

Two letters of the 22d from general Waſhington being received, were read.

The committee, to whom were referred the ſeveral papers from the convention of the ſtate of New-York, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the German battalion be ordered immediately to join the army under general Waſhington; and that the preſident inform his excellency of their march, and deſire that he will order an equal number of men from his army, to garriſon the forts in the highlands.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to ſupply the German battalion with ſuch articles of cloathing as they may ſtand in need of; the ſame to be charged to their account, and deducted out of the pay of the men:

That three tons of the fifteen tons of powder, lately ordered to the northern army, and now on its way thither, be left at New-Windſor in the ſtate of New-York, and from thence conveyed to fort Montgomery; and that five tons be immediately ſent from the city of Philadelphia:

That two companies of the marines lately raiſed & now in Philadelphia, be alſo ordered to march immediately to fort Montgomery:

That application be made to the council of ſafety of the ſtate of Pennſylvania, to order one half of the artillery men, now in the ſervice of their ſtate, to proceed to fort Montgomery as ſoon as poſſible:

That Congreſs approve the meaſures adopted by the convention of New-York, for the defence of the highlands, and will chearfully defray all the neceſſary expences that may accrue.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *September* 24, 1776.

A petition from Benjamin Marſhall and brothers, and one from John Hazard, were read, and referred to the marine committee.

A petition from Charles Startin was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The board of war brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of colonel Hazen, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That colonel Hazen and lieutenant colonel Edward Antill

Antill be continued in their offices, in the army of the United States, and that they recruit their regiment to the number of a battalion on the continental eſtabliſhment:

That the ſettlement of colonel Hazen's accounts of monies advanced by him, for the ſervice of the United States in Canada, be referred to the commiſſioners appointed to audit accounts in the northern department:

That 1095 dollars be paid to colonel Hazen in full ſatisfaction for his net cattle, ſheep, ſwine, poultry, hay and other articles, alledged to have been taken and uſed for the benefit of the continental army near St. John's; which ſum, together with 533 dollars and one third already received by him on that account, is the amount of the ſaid articles, as eſtimated by commiſſioners appointed by general Wooſter for that purpoſe, purſuant to an order of Congreſs:

That the damages done to the buildings, farms, &c. by our troops or thoſe of the enemy, ought not to be paid, unleſs general proviſion be made for compenſating all others, who, by means of the war, have, in like manner, been damnified; which may be a ſubject worthy to be conſidered, after the cloſe of the war.

Reſolved, That the committee be diſcharged from enquiring into what reſpects the conduct of general Arnold; the Congreſs having directed general Waſhington to cauſe an enquiry to be made into the conduct of the officers, who ſerved in Canada.

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to deviſe ways and means for effectually providing the northern army with proviſions and medicines, and ſupplying their other neceſſary wants:

The members choſen, Mr. Ruſh, Mr. Hall, Mr. Chaſe, Mr. Johnſon and Mr. Stockton.

Reſolved, That the medical committee be directed to apply to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania, for a quantity of medicines; to be repaid in kind or in caſh, as they ſhall chuſe.

The board of war brought in a farther report:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the inſtructions to the commiſſioners, and the ſame being debated by paragraphs and amended, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the committee of ſecret correſpondence lay before Congreſs to-morrow morning the intelligence they have lately received from abroad.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *September* 25, 1776.

Two letters from general Lee; one of the 24th of Auguſt to the preſident, the other of the 27th of the ſame month to the board of war, both dated at Savannah, being received, were read.

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The committee of the treaſury reported, that there is due,

To John Bates, for 212 camp-kettles delivered to Guſtavus Riſberg, aſſiſtant to the deputy quarter-maſter general, 282 dollars and ſixty ninetieths:

To Melchior Meng, for waggon-hire, carrying money to Albany, with expences, going and returning, 117 dollars and ſeven ninetieths:

To Samuel Johnſon, for 1047 meals ſupplied the militia on their march to New-Jerſey, 104 dollars and ſixty-three ninetieths:

To John Kerlin, for entertaining militia on their march to New-Jerſey, 55 dollars and twenty-ſeven ninetieths:

To Meſſrs. St. Luke la Corn, major Campbell and captain Frazier, priſoners from Canada, for their allowance of two dollars a week each, and for their three ſervants at one dollar a week each, from the 8th of July to the 23d of September, 1776, inclusive, 11 weeks, 90 dollars:

To Peter Mather, for entertaining militia on their march to New-Jerſey, 32 dollars and ſeventy-two ninetieths:

To Samuel Pews, for ſupplying the militia with 269 meals of victuals, on their march to New-Jerſey, 26 dollars and eighty-one ninetieths:

To Francis Lee, for the hire of a ſtage-coach, agreeable to a certificate of Richard Peters, Eſq; to convey general Preſcot and general M'Donald, with their guard, 26 dollars and ſixty ninetieths:

To Jacob Henkles, for ſupplying troops with proviſions, on their march to New-Jerſey, 215 dollars and fifty-two ninetieths:

To Robert Tolbert, 18 dollars and eighteen ninetieths, and to Joſeph M'Kellup, 45 dollars and eighteen ninetieths, for entertaining troops on their march to New-Jerſey; both ſums amounting to 63 dollars and thirty-ſix ninetieths; to be paid to the ſaid Joſeph M'Kellup:

To colonel Allen M'Donald of Kingſborough, and his ſon Alexander M'Donald, for their allowance of two dollars a week for 21 weeks, and for their ſervants allowance, 21 weeks, at one dollar a week, ſettled to the 17th of September, 105 dollars:

To John Pluckroſe, for going expreſs from Congreſs to Charlestown, South-Carolina, 132 dollars:

To the ſteward of the Pennſylvania hoſpital, for boarding William Whiting, a wounded ſoldier, 4 weeks, by order of Congreſs, 5 dollars and thirty ninetieths:

To Jacob Peterman, to be paid to John Ebert, for 83 meals of victuals ſupplied the troops of the flying camp, on their march to New-Jerſey, 8 dollars and twenty-two ninetieths:

To Gunning Bedford, Eſq; for his pay and rations, from the 17th of June to the 17th of September, 1776, being 3 months, 152 dollars and ſixty-four ninetieths:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The ſaid committee farther reported, that they have conſidered the petition of captain James Roſs to Congreſs, and are of opinion that he ſhould be credited with the following ſums charged to his account; he not having received the accounts in time, to make the ſtoppages, viz.

For ſundry articles ſupplied by Mr. Slough, amounting to 486 dollars and ſixty-five ninetieths:

For drums, &c. by Simons and Henry, 17 dollars and twenty four ninetieths:

For caſh to a waggoner, by committee of Lancaſter county, 66 dollars and ſixty ninetieths:

For part of an account of expences of his company, on their march to Cambridge, 17 dollars and ſeventy-eight ninetieths:

The whole amounting to 588 dollars and forty-ſeven ninetieths:

Ordered, That the ſaid ſum be paſſed to his credit.

Reſolved, That an order for 40 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer in favour of Monſ. P. Govert, as captain-lieutenant of artillery; the ſame being two months pay advanced, for which he is to be accountable.

A letter from general Waſhington, incloſing one from brigadier general Green, and a return of the army, was read.

Reſolved, That the captains or commanding officers of the companies of the militia of Pennſylvania make up the pay-rolls of ſuch companies as have been regularly diſcharged from the camp in New-Jerſey, from the time of their being laſt paid, with the addition of a day to each man, for every twenty miles between the camp and his reſpective place of abode; for which, an allowance of one penny per mile is to be made, without rations or ſubſiſtance. The ſums due on the ſaid rolls to be atteſted by the oaths or affirmations of the reſpective captains or commanding officers, and certified by one of their field officers. And the pay-maſter in Philadelphia is hereby directed to diſcharge the ſaid rolls, on certificates being produced from the commiſſary of ſtores at the flying camp, and in this city, of the re-delivery of ſuch of the public ſtores as have been received by the companies aforeſaid, or the regiments to which they reſpectively belong, or upon deducting the amount thereof from the pay of thoſe who have not returned them:

That the captains or commanding officers of ſuch of the ſaid militia, as are not yet returned from the camp, be directed, when diſcharged, to procure from the commanding officer of the camp, certificates of the ſums due in their reſpective rolls; and in every other reſpect, the ſaid captains or commanding officers, and the pay-maſters aforeſaid, are to obſerve the rules preſcribed in the foregoing reſolve for payment of the ſaid militia.

Reſolved, That three gentlemen be appointed to audit and ſettle the accounts of the Pennſylvania militia:

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The ballots being taken, the following gentlemen were chosen, viz. Mr. P. Chevalier, Mr. J. Wilcox and Mr. James Mease.

The committee appointed to devise ways and means for providing cloathing and other necessaries for the army, brought in their report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the general assemblies and conventions of the United States, to forward to head-quarters the cloathing, blankets and necessaries, which they may have provided in consequence of the resolution of Congress of the 19th of June last, drawing on the president for the cost and conveyance thereof; in which, it is hoped the utmost diligence and expedition will be used, that those who expose themselves to danger in defending and protecting their fellow-citizens, may suffer as little as possible from inclement seasons:

That a committee of Congress, consisting of one delegate from each state, be appointed with authority to employ proper persons to purchase, in their respective states, a sufficient number of blankets and woollens fit for soldiers cloaths, and that they take the most effectual and speedy methods for getting such woollens made up, and distributed among the regular continental army, in such proportion as will best promote the public service: And that they also purchase all other necessary cloathing for the soldiers, in such proportion as they judge, upon the best information, will be wanted; and that the said committee be authorised to draw on the president of Congress for the sums necessary to execute this business; they to be accountable for the amount of their draughts and disbursements:

That Mr. J. Mease be directed immediately to send to general Gates all the white shirts, shoes and stockings, he now has in his possession, and which are unappropriated, for the use of the northern army, and that he use the utmost diligence in buying, collecting and getting made immediately as many more of those articles as possible, making weekly reports to Congress of what he obtains:

That general Schuyler, or the commanding officer at Albany, be desired to employ proper persons immediately to make up into soldiers cloaths the woollens mentioned in general Schuyler's letter of the 29th of August last, and transmit the same without delay to the general commanding the northern army, for the use of such of the troops in that army, as have enlisted for three years, or will enlist during the war.

Resolved, That the commissaries and quarter-master general, and deputy quarter-masters general and their assistants in the several departments, be directed to apply to Mr. Mease for such articles of cloathing, camp equipage and other utensils, which they may want to purchase in the state of Pennsylvania, for the use of the army.

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Congreſs then proceeded to the appointment of the committee, when the following gentlemen were choſen, viz.

Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Paine, Mr. Ellery, Mr. Williams, Mr. Floyd, Mr. Stockton, Mr. Roſs, Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Paca, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Hewes, Mr. Middleton, and Mr. Hall.

Reſolved, That lieutenant Boger and lieutenant Ball be releaſed from priſon on ſigning the like parole, as the other officers priſoners at York-Town in Pennſylvania.

Reſolved, That the committee to whom was entruſted the care of publiſhing the journals of this houſe, be impowered to collect from the ſeveral printers ſuch parts of the ſaid journals as they have printed, and lodge them with Robert Aitken for ſale; the ſeveral printers to be paid out of the ſales in ſuch manner as the committee ſhall find juſt and equitable; and that the ſaid committee make a publication of the journals as far as printed, as ſoon as poſſible.

The committee appointed to deviſe ways and means for providing the northern army with proviſions, medicines and other neceſſaries, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That a committee be immediately ſent to Ticonderoga; that they give orders that a number of ſheep, and a quantity of indian meal, rice and oatmeal, and molaſſes be immediately ſent to lake George and Ticonderoga; that they endeavour to contract for the proviſions for the northern army, by the ration, the particulars of which to be valued, and any part not ſupplied, to be paid for in money by the contractor; and that ſuch contract be made, as far as may be, agreeable to the mode recommended by general Schuyler in his letter to Congreſs of the 25th of Auguſt: That the committee conſult with the commanding officer in the northern department, and ſuch other of the general officers as may be thought proper on the beſt mode to reinliſt the army there, and to provide barracks and cloathing for the troops, and eſpecially that they engage the goods mentioned by general Schuyler, and apply ſuch of them as may be neceſſary for the northern army:

That the committee be impowered to make regulations for the hoſpitals in the northern department, and to remove or ſuſpend any perſon employed therein, and to employ ſuch as they may think neceſſary and proper: And that they report to Congreſs the ſtate and condition of the army, and any further regulations which they may think neceſſary, for the better government, and ſupplying the ſaid army:

That the committee conſiſt of two, and that to-morrow be aſſigned for electing the ſaid committee.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the board of war; whereupon,

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to purchaſe as many tents, camp-kettles, canteens, and other camp-furniture, and as much

much cloathing as he can poſſibly procure for the uſe of the army under the command of general Waſhington:

That captain James Roſs be appointed major in colonel Hand's regiment, and that the other vacancies in that battalion be filled up, as recommended by the colonel, in manner following, viz.

John Halliday, to be captain in the room of James Roſs promoted;

William Wilſon, to be firſt lieutenant;

John Dougherty, to be ſecond lieutenant, and

Benjamin Lyon, to be third lieutenant;

John Dick, to be ſecond lieutenant in the room of Jacob Zanch reſigned; and

Robert Cunningham, to be third lieutenant; vice John Dick:

That the vacancies in colonel Ward's regiment of the Maſſachuſets-Bay be filled up in the manner recommended by the colonel, viz.

Captain James Mellen, to be major,—commiſſion to be dated from the time of doing duty, viz.		Auguſt 15,	1776.
Captains,	Ephraim Burr, —	April 1,	do.
	Ebenezer Cleveland, —	July 12,	do.
	Nahum Ward, —	September 11,	do.
1ſt lieutenants,	Baxter Howe, —	July 12,	do.
	Samuel Shelden, —	September 11,	do.
2d lieutenants,	Jonathan Champeney,	July 12,	do.
	Samuel Clofflin,	September 11,	do.
Enſigns,	Jonas Snow, —	July 12,	do.
	Caleb Noble, —	July 20,	do.
	Joſeph Freeland, —	September 11,	do.
Chaplain,	Ebenezer Cleavland, —	Jannary 1,	do.
Surgeon,	Elihu Wright, —	Auguſt 11,	do.
Do. mate,	Iſrael Whiting, —	July 1,	do.

That Leonard Ganſevort, junr. be appointed paymaſter to colonel van Schaick's regiment:

That Richard Varick, late captain in colonel M'Dougal's regiment, which office he reſigned, ſecretary to the honourable major-general Schuyler, be appointed deputy muſter-maſter general to the northern army: And

That major Henry Brockholſt Livingſton, aid de camp to general Schuyler, be provided for by Congreſs in a ſtation equal to his merit, when a proper vacancy happens, he being recommended by the general as a very deſerving officer:

That the part of general Schuyler's letter referred to the board of war, which relates to indian affairs, be referred to the committee for indian affairs:

That the commiſſary general be directed to procure ſuch quantities of ſalt, and to buy, cure and lay up in proper places ſuch quantities of proviſions, as he ſhall judge neceſſary for the next campaign:

That

That the commiſſary general's letter relative to his having drawn an order on Mr. preſident Hancock, in favour of colonel Lowry for 60,000 dollars, be referred to the treaſury board:

That Monſr. Devourouy's petition be referred to the marine committee:

That the letters from his excellency governor Livingſton of New-Jerſey, reſpecting the payment of the militia, be referred to the treaſury board:

That ſo much of general Arnold's letter to general Schuyler as relates to cloathing, be referred to the committee for providing cloathing for the army.

The committee appointed to ſettle the rank of the captains and ſubalterns in the German battalion reported the ſame, as follows, which was agreed to;

Captains, Daniel Burkhart, Philip Graybill, George Hubley, Henry Fiſter, Jacob Bonner, George Kaports, Benjamin Weiſer, William Keyſer, and David Woelpper.

Firſt lieutenants, Frederic Rolwagen, John Lora, Peter Boyer, Charles Bulſel, William Rice, Jacob Kotz, Jacob Bower, Samuel Gerock, and Bernard Hubley.

Second lieutenants, George Hawbecker, Chriſtian Meyers, John Landenberger, Michael Bayer, George Schaffer, Adam Smith, Frederick Yeiſer, William Ritter, and Philip Schrawder.

Enſigns, John Weidman, Martin Shugart, Chriſtian Helm, Jacob Crummet, Jacob Cramer, Paul Chriſtman, Chriſtopher Godfrey Swartz, and John Landenberger.

The committee appointed to hear and determine on the appeal againſt the ſentence of condemnation paſſed upon the ſchooner Thiſtle, having reverſed the decree;

Reſolved, That a paſſport and ſafe conduct be granted to Charles Roberts, maſter of the ſchooner Thiſtle, for himſelf and the ſaid ſchooner, for the ſpace of ſixty days.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *September* 26, 1776.

Congreſs proceeded to the election of a committee to go to Ticonderoga, and the ballots being taken,

Mr. Stockton and Mr. Clymer were elected.

Ordered, That the ſecret committee deliver to lieutenant Pendleton 8 lb. of powder, for the uſe of his company.

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due,

To Jacob Shizens for half-ferriages of the militia and their baggage over Neſhaminy ferry, 17 dollars and forty ninetieths:

To James M'Cree for boarding nine men of captain Grier's company 18 days, at the rate of 1 dollar and one third per week, 30 dollars and ſeventy-ſeven ninetieths:

To

To John Teney for ſupplying the militia with 201 meals victuals on their march to New-Jerſey, 20 dollars and nine ninetieths; and to Philip Upright for ſupplying them with 996 meals, 99 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths, both ſums making 119 dollars and ſixty-three ninetieths, to be paid to Adam Kimmel:

To John White Swift for two receipts of brigadier-general D. Wooſter, one dated 17th January for 240 dollars, and the other 8th March, for 25 half Johannes with intereſt allowed thereon, being 6 months, 18 days, at 6 per cent, amounts to 206 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths, both ſums making 446 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths:

To John Shultz for boarding and lodging ſundry continental troops, 201 dollars and ſixty ninetieths, and for boarding and nurſing ſundry ſick troops, 29 dollars and forty ninetieths, both ſums making 231 dollars and nineteen ninetieths:

To captain Philip Graybill of the German battalion, the ballance of his account for arms, accoutrements &c. for the uſe of his company, and for proviſions ſupplied them on their march from Maryland to Philadelphia, 1168 dollars and five ninetieths, agreeable to the following account, viz.—

Amount of proviſions account, 732 dollars and forty-one ninetieths:

Of which he received of the council of ſafety of Maryland, 266 dollars and ſixty ninetieths:

Of colonel Stricker, 327 dollars:

Of major Veltner, 100 dollars: 693 dollars and ſixty ninetieths:

Ballance on this account, 38 dollars and ſeventy-one ninetieths:

Amount of arms, accoutrements, blankets, &c. 1129 dollars and twenty-four ninetieths:

Amounting in the whole to 1168 dollars and five ninetieths:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That the committee appointed to ſuperintend the publication of the journals, be empowered and inſtructed to employ Robert Aitken, to reprint the ſaid journals from the beginning with all poſſible expedition, and continue to print the ſame: And that this houſe will purchaſe of him 500 copies of the ſaid journals when reprinted; and further that he be directed to purchaſe on reaſonable terms, ſuch parts of the journals as Mr. Bradford, Siſt and company, have printed and not yet publiſhed, to be paid for by the Congreſs.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be directed to procure as ſoon as poſſible an exchange of the officers and ſoldiers taken on Long-Iſland, for the ſame number of Britiſh officers and privates, now priſoners to the United States.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, *September* 27, 1776.

Two letters of the 24th and 25th from general Washington with sundry papers inclosed; one of the 20th from the convention of New-York; one of the 22d from Jos. Trumbull; one of the 25th from colonel John Shee inclosing his commission; and one of the 25th from Jon. B. Smith requesting leave to resign his office of deputy muster master-general, were laid before Congress and read.

Ordered, That the letters from general Washington be referred to a committee of five.

The members chosen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. J. Adams, and Mr. Stone.

Resolved, That 100,000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of New-York for the use of that state, which is to be accountable.

Resolved, That the resignation of colonel J. Shee and Jonathan B. Smith be accepted.

Certain resolutions of the convention of New-York passed the 20th of this month, being laid before Congress,

Ordered, That they be referred to a committee of three.

The members chosen, Mr. M'Kean, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. Hooper.

Resolved, That George M'Cabe in captain Douglas's company in the flying camp be sent to Philadelphia, his service being necessary to the marine committee.

Ordered, That the secret committee deliver to the board of war the care and custody of all arms, ammunition, and other warlike stores now under their care, or that may hereafter be imported or purchased by them for account of the United States of America.

Resolved, That the marine committee be impowered to pursue such measures as they judge proper and effectual to import as much salt as possible.

A petition from Wm. M'Cue was read and referred to the board of war.

A petition from Hamilton Young of New-York was read, praying that he may have leave to return to Long-Island, to take care of his books and effects;

Resolved, That the prayer of the said petition be granted.

Congress being informed that a number of men belonging to three of the Pennsylvania battalions, have deserted from the army,

Resolved, That it be recommended to the convention of Pennsylvania, to take the most effectual measures to compel such of their troops, as have come off from the camp on New-York island, to return immediately to that place; that they inquire who were the ringleaders of the mutiny, and have them sent back under guard for trial; and that the convention, if they think necessary, have the assistance of the German battalion, to enable them to carry this resolve into execution; and the convention are desired to use all proper means to furnish their troops with cloathing and blankets.

blankets. The ſaid convention are further deſired to cauſe all deſerters from their troops to be immediately apprehended, and ſent back to general Waſhington's head-quarters.

The marine committee, to whom the petition of Francis Guillot was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That Francis Guillot be permitted to fit out and arm a privateer under the colours of the United States of America, and that he be permitted to equip and arm the ſaid veſſel in ſuch place as he thinks he can do it at the ſmalleſt expence; he giving the uſual ſecurities in ſuch caſes directed by Congreſs.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *September* 28, 1776.

A memorial from Gunning Bedford, muſter maſter general, was laid before Congreſs and read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The board of war, to whom the petition of William M'Cue was referred, brought in a report; whereupon,

Reſolved, As Congreſs have impowered the ſeveral ſtates to provide for ſuch ſoldiers as may be diſabled in the ſervice of the continent, that the petition of William M'Cue be referred to the commonwealth of Virginia.

Reſolved, That 100,000 dollars be advanced to the ſtate of Pennſylvania, which is to be accountable.

Ordered, That Mr. Meaſe ſupply captain Doyle with money ſufficient to purchaſe rifles and blankets for his company.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *September* 30, 1776.

Two letters of the 27th and 28th from general Waſhington, and one of the 22d from governor Trumbull, were read:

Alſo, a letter from Robert Franklin was read, and referred to the marine committee.

A petition from J. Rowe and others, owners of goods on board the ſhip Elizabeth, which was taken by captains John Manly, Daniel Waters and John Ayres, commanders of the three armed veſſels Hancock, Lee and Lynch, and libelled in the court maritime for the ſtate of New-Hampſhire, and, by the ſentence of the ſaid court, acquitted; againſt which ſentence, an appeal has been entered, was laid before Congreſs and read, praying that the ſaid appeal may be heard and determined; whereupon,

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed, with full powers to hear and determine on the ſaid appeal:

The members choſen, Mr. Paine, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Stone, Mr. Wythe and Mr. Smith.

A letter from B. Flower, commiſſary of military ſtores, directed to the board of war, was laid before Congreſs and read.

Reſolved, That the board of war be impowered and directed, on requiſition of the general, or commanding officers in the ſeveral departments, to ſend ſuch articles of military ſtores and other neceſſaries, which they may have in their poſſeſſion, or can procure.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to order the three Virginia battalions, now on their march to New-York, to be lodged in the barracks at Wilmington; there to remain 'till farther orders.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 13,333 dollars and one third be advanced to Meſſrs. Hughes, in part payment for the cannon they have contracted to make for the continent; they to be accountable.

Reſolved, That a member be added to the committee of treaſury: The member choſen, Mr. Hopkinſon.

A petition from Monſ. De Boy, and one from Monſ. Ja. Vallier, were read and referred to the board of war.

A petition from Jacob Sheafe, and a petition from colonel M. Hazen, were read:

Ordered, That the petition from colonel Hazen be referred to the Canada committee.

The committee to whom were referred the letters from general Waſhington of the 24th and 25th inſtant, and the papers incloſed therein, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be directed to call upon ſuch of the members of the court martial, as ſat upon the trial, and concurred in the acquittal of enſign Macumber, to aſſign their reaſons for their firſt judgment; that thoſe reaſons, together with the names of ſuch of the ſaid members, who were for the acquittal, be returned to Congreſs:

That Mr. M'Donald, having a commiſſion of brigadier general from governor Martin, be not exchanged for any officer under the rank of brigadier general in the ſervice either of the United States or of any one of them:

That it be recommended to the legiſlatures of the United States to appoint gentlemen in their reſpective ſtates, ſkilful in phyſic and ſurgery, to examine thoſe who offer to ſerve as ſurgeons or ſurgeons mates in the army or navy; and that no ſurgeon or mate ſhall hereafter receive a commiſſion or warrant to act as ſuch, in the army or navy, who ſhall not produce a certificate from ſome or one of the examiners ſo to be appointed, to prove that he is qualified to execute the office:

That all regimental ſurgeons and mates, as well as thoſe of the hoſpital, be ſubject to the direction and controul of the directors, in the ſeveral departments:

That no ſoldier be diſcharged from the ſervice as diſabled, unleſs

leſs the certificate of diſability be counterſigned by the director, aſſiſtant phyſician, or firſt ſurgeon of the hoſpital, nor be excuſed from duty for ſickneſs, unleſs the certificate of ſickneſs be counterſigned by one of thoſe perſons, where acceſs may be had to them.

Reſolved, That the remainder of the ſaid report be poſtponed.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *October* 1, 1776.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 60,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. James Meaſe, for the payment of the militia, and to pay for the articles he is ordered to purchaſe; he to be accountable.

Whereas, a full repreſentation in Congreſs of the ſeveral United States is highly neceſſary on buſineſs of much importance to America; therefore,

Reſolved, That the preſident be deſired to write letters to the conventions and aſſemblies of the reſpective ſtates, requeſting that meaſures be taken to cauſe, as ſpeedily as poſſible, a full repreſentation of the ſaid ſtates in Congreſs.

Stephen Moylan, Eſq; having reſigned his office of quartermaſter general of the continental army:

Reſolved, That brigadier general Mifflin be authoriſed and requeſted to reſume the ſaid office, and that his rank and pay, as brigadier, be ſtill continued to him;

That a committee of four be appointed to confer with brigadier general Mifflin:

The members choſen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Sherman, Mr. J. Adams and Mr. Gerry.

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare and bring in a plan of a military academy at the army:

The members choſen, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Williams and Mr. J. Adams.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *October* 2, 1776.

A letter of the 30th of September from general Waſhington, with two papers incloſed; one of the 27th of September from S. Moylan; one of the 23d from general Gates; one of the 23d from colonel Wayne; one from brigadier general Mercer, and a petition from Bartholomew Van Heer, were read and referred to the board of war.

Reſolved, That William Shephard be promoted to the rank of colonel of the regiment, whereof he is now lieutenant colonel.

A petition from John Bayard, Alexander Henderſon and Matthew Irwin, was preſented to Congreſs and read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to ſell to the petitioners,

tioners, 1600 lb. of powder, and 800 lb. of lead, for the uſe of their privateers, general Lee and colonel Parry.

The committee appointed to confer with brigadier general Mifflin, reported, that, upon the conference, they find the following ſupplies will be neceſſary for the uſe and comfort of the army, which ought to be procured as ſoon as may be, viz. 200 waggons with four horſes each,—50 ox-teams, with 2 oxen each, for ſundry uſes,—50 drays, with one horſe each, for various ſmall ſervices,—100 ſtrong horſes for the artillery,—50 horſes for expreſſes and commiſſary uſes,—25,000 buſhels of indian corn,—15,000 buſhels of oats,—10,000 buſhels of rye-meal,—10,000 buſhels of ſpelts,—1800 tons of hay,—50 cutting-boxes,—2000 axes,—2000 wheel and hand-barrows,—8000 cords of wood,—a ſet of carpenters tools for each regiment,—a waggon-maſter and one deputy,—20 conductors of waggons on captains pay, allowing 10 waggons for each conductor,—5 conductors for artillery,—100 caſks of nails and ſpikes,—10,000 knapſacks,—10,000 camp-kettles,—two million feet of boards, planks and joiſts, for barracks, platforms, &c.

That a company of 50 blackſmiths ſhould be immediately ſent to camp, 12 harneſs and collar makers, and 25 wheelwrights.

Reſolved, That for theſe various and neceſſary ſupplies, 300,000 dollars be advanced to the quarter-maſter general;

That one eighth part of a dollar, over and above their ſoldiers pay, be allowed to ſuch perſons as are neceſſarily draughted for quarter-maſters uſes:

That as 5000 tents will be neceſſary for the ſpring-campaign, they be provided in due time:

That it be recommended to the ſeveral ſtates to make legal proviſion to compel the furniſhing of neceſſary ſupplies and aſſiſtance to the quarter-maſter general of the continental army, on reaſonable terms, for the public uſe.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to conſider of a plan for providing carriages for the public ſervice, ſo as any demands may be ſpeedily complied with, and all oppreſſion of private perſons effectually prevented:

The members choſen, Mr. Witherſpoon, Mr. Smith and Mr. Huntington.

Reſolved, That Benjamin Fiſhbourne be appointed pay-maſter to the ſecond Pennſylvania battalion commanded by colonel Wood.

A memorial from the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania was read:

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee of treaſury, who are directed to report thereon as ſoon as poſſible.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To George Meaſam, on account of ſundry articles ſupplied the army in Canada, 9 dollars and forty-ſeven ninetieths:

Ordered, That the ſaid account be paid.

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The committee, to whom the reſolutions paſſed by the convention of New-York were referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the preſident write to general Schuyler, and inform him, that Congreſs cannot conſent, during the preſent ſituation of their affairs, to accept of his reſignation, but requeſt, that he continue the command, which he now holds; that he be aſſured, that the aſperſions, which his enemies have thrown out againſt his character, have had no influence upon the minds of the members of this houſe, who are fully ſatisfied of his attachments to the cauſe of freedom, and are willing to bear their teſtimony of the many ſervices, which he has rendered to his country; and that in order effectually to put calumny to ſilence, they will, at an early day, appoint a committee of their own body to enquire fully into his conduct, which, they truſt, will eſtabliſh his reputation in the opinion of all good men.

Reſolved, That the limits preſcribed in the parole of John Foxcroft and Francis Daſhwood, Eſquires, be extended as far as the bounds of Pennſylvania, within which they are to confine themſelves, 'till farther orders.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *October* 3, 1776.

On application from the council of ſafety of North-Carolina,

Reſolved, That Michael Holt, a priſoner in the gaol of Philadelphia, be diſcharged from his impriſonment, that he may return to his family; he taking the oath preſcribed by the ſaid council of ſafety.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to purchaſe immediately one hundred hogſheads of rum, and forward the ſame to the commiſſary general for the uſe of the army.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the letter from general Mercer, which was received and read yeſterday, wherein he recommends colonel Humpton to the command of a regiment in the new army, and captain Dawſon to a majority, be referred to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania:

That captain Perſifer Frazer be commiſſioned as major of col. Wayne's battalion of the Pennſylvania troops, in the room of major Houſigger promoted.

The committee appointed to repair to the camp, having executed that ſervice, and returned, brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Reſolved, That Charles Startin be permitted to return to England

land with his wife and family, from any of the United States he thinks proper, except New-York.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Martin Housman, for the hire of his waggon and ferriages, with generals Prescot and M'Donald's baggage to Newark, 43 dollars:

To George Campbell, for his own and Mr. Caldwell's and Mr. Tod's expences, as an escort to money from Philadelphia to Albany, 189 dollars and sixty-seven ninetieths:

To John Sparhawk, for quills, &c. for the use of the treasury-office, 27 dollars and eighty-four ninetieths:

To Ludwick Kercher, a balance of 3150 dollars and thirty six ninetieths; the whole of his account amounting to 8483 dollars and sixty-six ninetieths; of which he has received 5333 dollars and thirty ninetieths; the balance is 3150 dollars and thirty-six ninetieths:

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

Congress took into consideration the report of the board of treasury, on the ways and means for raising a farther sum of money; whereupon,

Resolved, That five millions of continental dollars be immediately borrowed for the use of the United States, at the annual interest of four per cent. per annum:

That the faith of the United States be pledged to the lenders for the payment of the sums to be borrowed, and the interest arising thereon, and that certificates be given to the lenders in the form following, viz.

"The United States of America acknowledge the receipt of —— dollars from ——, which they promise to pay to the said ——, or bearer, on the ——— day of ———, with interest annually, at the rate of four per cent. per annum, agreeable to a resolution of the United States, passed the third day of October, 1776. Witness the hand of the treasurer, this ——— day of ———, A. D.

Counterſigned" by the commissioners of one of the loan-offices hereafter mentioned.

That, for the convenience of the lenders, a loan-office be established in each of the United States, and a commissioner to superintend such office be appointed by the said states respectively, which are to be responsible for the faithful discharge of their duty in the said offices:

That the business of the said commissioners shall be to deliver certificates for all such sums of money, as shall be brought into their respective offices agreeable to these resolutions, which certificates shall be indented and the checks kept in the said office——to keep books, in which regular entries shall be made of the sums borrowed and the time when, and the names of the persons, by whom the said sums were lent——to transmit to the continental treasurer

treaſurer once a month an account of the caſh in their reſpective offices, and to anſwer all draughts of the treaſurer to the amount of the caſh, which they ſhall at any time have in their hands, as aforeſaid:

That the treaſurer of the United States ſhall ſend to the reſpective loan offices ſuch a number of certificates and of ſuch denominations as ſhall be ordered by the commiſſioners of the treaſury:

That no certificate be iſſued for a leſs ſum than three hundred dollars:

That the ſeveral ſums of money to be borrowed ſhall be repaid at the office, where the ſame was lent at the expiration of three years, and that—the annual intereſt ſhall likewiſe be paid at the ſaid office:

That the ſaid commiſſioners of the reſpective loan offices be intitled to receive of the United States, one eighth per cent. on all monies, which ſhall be brought into their reſpective loan offices in lieu of all claims and demands, that they may have for tranſacting the buſineſs of the ſaid office.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be impowered to take ſuch meaſures as they ſhall judge neceſſary for purchaſing, arming and equipping a frigate, and two cutters in Europe, and to give proper orders for the ſaid frigate making a cruize in the Britiſh channel againſt our enemies, and for the ſaid cutters to be employed in tranſporting to theſe ſtates, ſuch articles, as the ſaid committee have been ordered to import.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *October* 4, 1776.

A petition from the officers and men of the brig Andrew Doria was preſented, and read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the continental agents in Philadelphia, be directed with all diſpatch to make an eſtimate of the prizes taken by the Andrew Doria, and lay the ſame before the marine committee for their approbation; and that the ſaid agents be directed to pay to the officers and men of the Andrew Doria, one half of what may be eſtimated to be due to them:

That the ſaid agents be farther directed to make an eſtimate of the ſtores and prizes taken by the fleet, commanded by commodore Hopkins and brought from Providence, and lay the ſame before the marine committee for approbation as aforeſaid, and pay to the officers and men intitled thereto, one half of what may be eſtimated to be due to them.

A letter of the 2d and 3d from general Waſhington, and two of the 25th and 26th September from general Schuyler being received, were read.

Congreſs

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee ſent to head-quarters, and after debate the farther conſideration thereof was poſtponed.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *October* 5, 1776.

A letter of the 23d of September from James Bowdoin, with a copy of reſolutions paſſed by the general aſſembly of Maſſachuſets Bay; one of the 24th of the ſame month from the committee of ſafety of New-Hampſhire; and one of the 3d inſtant from governor Livingſton were read.

Ordered, That the letters from general Waſhington and general Schuyler with the papers incloſed, which were read yeſterday, be referred to the board of war:

That the letter from Mr. Bowdoin be referred to the marine committee:

That the letter from governor Livingſton be referred to a committee of three, and that the ſaid committee be directed to take into conſideration the caſe of the priſoners in the gaol of Philadelphia.

The members choſen, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Roſs, and Mr. Floyd.

Ordered, That the petition of Jacob Sheafe be referred to the commiſſioners appointed to hear and determine upon the appeal againſt the ſentence on the libel againſt the ſhip Elizabeth:

That R. Peters, Eſq; be impowered to proſecute the ſaid appeal.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to ſell to Joſeph Golden 10 lb. of powder.

Reſolved, That five months pay be advanced to the officers, and three months pay to the men who were taken priſoners in Canada, and ſent to theſe United States by general Carlton.

Reſolved, That the report of the board of war which was brought in the 14th of September be taken into conſideration on Monday next

Ordered, That the board of war at that time lay before Congreſs the papers relative to the diſpute between the court-martial, and brigadier-general Arnold.

Reſolved, That the continental agents be directed to deliver to the commiſſary general for the uſe of the army, all the ſalt in their hands belonging to the continent.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *October* 7, 1776.

Reſolved, That 8000 dollars be advanced to the committee of Lancaſter, for the purpoſe of defraying the expences of encloſing the

the barracks in that borrough with a ſtockade, and ſupporting a guard; the ſaid committee to be accountable.

Congreſs proceeded to the election of a deputy-muſter-maſter-general for the flying camp, in the room of Jon. B. Smith, and the ballots being taken,

William Davies was elected.

A letter of the 14th of September from brigadier-general Moore, and one from John Hanſon dated St. Croix, 14th Auguſt being received, were read.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the aſſemblies and conventions of the United States reſpectively, to annex ſuch penalties by law to the crime of counterfeiting the certificates or notes of the continental loan office, as are or ſhall be annexed to the crime of counterfeiting the continental currency.

Ordered, That the reſolutions for borrowing five millions of dollars, together with the above reſolve be publiſhed, and copies thereof ſent to each of the United States, and that the reſpective ſtates be deſired to ſend to the committee of the continental treaſury the names of the commiſſioners by them appointed in conſequence of the ſaid reſolutions.

A petition from James Browne, a priſoner, was laid before Congreſs and read, praying for leave to return to Ireland, the place of his nativity:

Reſolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

General Lee having informed Congreſs of his arrival in Philadelphia, and that he waited their orders:

Ordered, That general Lee attend in Congreſs.

Reſolved, That a commiſſary of priſoners of war be appointed in each of the United States:

That the ſaid commiſſaries be directed to make monthly returns of the ſtate and condition of the priſoners under their reſpective care, to the board of war:

That the ſaid commiſſaries be appointed by the reſpective ſtates.

Agreeable to order, general Lee attended, and having given an account of the ſtate of affairs in the ſouthern department, he withdrew.

The ſecret committee informed Congreſs that they have chartered and loaded in Virginia, the Aurora, late the prize ſhip called the Oxford, for account of the continent; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the preſident write to the governor and council of Virginia, and requeſt them to give all the aſſiſtance in their power, in manning and diſpatching the ſaid ſhip.

Reſolved, That Matthias Hite a firſt lieutenant of the eighth Virginia battalion, have a continental commiſſion in lieu of that which he received from the committee of ſafety of that ſtate, and that his commiſſion bear date the 19th of February laſt.

Resolved, That general Lee be directed to repair to the camp at Haerlem, with leave, if he thinks proper, to visit the posts in New-Jersey.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the application from the president of South-Carolina, in behalf of general Lee, reported:

That this Congress having a just opinion of the abilities of general Lee, applied to him to accept a command in their service, which he readily agreed to, provided the Congress would indemnify him against any loss, which he might sustain in consequence thereof, he having at that time a considerable sum of money due to him by persons in the kingdom of Great-Britain, which he was resolved to draw from thence as soon as possible. That the Congress unanimously concurred in his proposal: That he accordingly entered into their service; that he has since drawn bills upon his agent in England, which bills have been returned protested. That general Lee having purchased an estate in Virginia, the purchase money for which has been long due, is likely to sustain by means of the protested bills many injuries, unless this house prevent the same by an advance of thirty thousand dollars;" whereupon,

Resolved, That the sum of 30,000 dollars be advanced to general Lee, upon his giving bond to the treasurer to account for the same, and taking such steps, in conjunction with Robert Morris, Esq; on behalf of the Congress, as will secure the most effectual transfer of his estate in England, to reimburse the Congress for the advance now made to him.

Ordered, That the committee, who brought in the foregoing report, prepare a suitable bond.

Congress took into consideration the report of the board of war of the 4th instant; whereupon,

Resolved, That Monsr. Pierre Francois de Bois be commissioned as a major by brevet, and sent to general Mercer, to be employed in such way as he shall think proper:

That Mr. Bartholomew Van Heer's account be referred to the board of treasury.

The committee appointed to inquire into the causes of the miscarriages in Canada, brought in a report:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the letters from general Washington of the 24th and 25th of September; whereupon,

Resolved, That as a farther encouragement for gentlemen of abilities, to engage as commission officers in the battalions to be furnished by the several states to serve during the war, their monthly pay be encreased, as follows:

A colonel,	75 dollars.
Lieutenant-colonel,	60

A major,

A major,	50 dollars.
Captain,	40
Lieutenant,	27
Enſign,	20
Quarter-Maſter,	27 and a half.
Adjutant,	40 dollars.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of the report be poſtponed.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *October* 8, 1776.

Two letters of the 4th and 5th from general Waſhington with ſundry papers incloſed; one of the 4th from the convention of New-York; one of the 27th of September from the council of Maſſachuſets-Bay; one of the 2d inſtant from John Livingſton; and one from John Heyleger dated St. Croix, 4th of September, were read:

Ordered, That the letter from John Heyleger be referred to the board of war; that the letter from John Livingſton be referred to the ſecret committee, who are directed to ſend to Mr. Livingſton's mill the 10 tons of ſalt petre ſent laſt winter to Maſſachuſets-Bay.

Three petitions from ſundry priſoners were read, and referred to the committee on the ſtate of the priſoners.

Reſolved, That a member be added to the ſaid committee.

The member choſen, Mr. Ruſh.

Whereas it is neceſſary that the moſt ſpeedy and effectual meaſures be taken for raiſing the new army,

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the aſſemblies, conventions, and councils of ſafety of the ſeveral ſtates, which have any regiments now in the continental ſervice, either at New-York, Ticonderoga, or New-Jerſey, that they forthwith appoint committees to proceed to thoſe places with full powers to appoint all the officers of the regiments to be raiſed by their ſtates under the new eſtabliſhment, that ſuch officers may proceed immediately to inliſt ſuch men as are now in the ſervice, and incline to reinliſt during the war, and that ſuch committees be inſtructed to adviſe with the general officers, and promote ſuch officers, as have diſtinguiſhed themſelves for their abilities, activity and vigilance in the ſervice, and eſpecially for their attention to military diſcipline:

That the ſaid committees be alſo inſtructed not to appoint any officer, who has left, or ſhall leave his ſtation in the army, and is abſent without leave from the general or ſome other officer having authority to grant the ſame.

Ordered, That a copy of the above reſolutions be ſent to each of the United States.

Congreſs

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the reports of the committee on the general's letters, and of that which went to the camp; whereupon,

Reſolved, That for the farther encouragement of the non-commiſſioned officers and ſoldiers. who ſhall engage in the ſervice, during the war, a ſuit of cloaths be annually given each of the ſaid officers and ſoldiers, to conſiſt, for the preſent year, of two linen hunting ſhirts, two pair of overalls, a leathern or woollen waiſtcoat with ſleeves, one pair of breeches, a hat or leathern cap, two ſhirts, two pair of hoſe and two pair of ſhoes, amounting in the whole to the value of twenty dollars, or that ſum to be paid to each ſoldier, who ſhall procure thoſe articles for himſelf, and produce a certificate thereof, from the captain of the company to which he belongs to the pay-maſter of the regiment.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the aſſemblies and conventions of the reſpective ſtates from Virginia to New-Hampſhire incluſively, to take the moſt effectual meaſures for compleating, by the 10th of November, their proportions of the levies to be raiſed during the war.

As the army has greatly ſuffered through the defect of ſome of its regimental officers,

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the aſſemblies and conventions of the reſpective ſtates, to uſe their utmoſt endeavours, that all the officers to be hereafter appointed, be men of honour and known abilities, without a particular regard to their having before been in ſervice.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of the reports be poſtponed till to-morrow.

The ſecret committee having informed Congreſs, that a veſſel was arrived with ſundry articles by them imported, on account of the continent:

Ordered, That the ſaid committee deliver to the board of war ſuch articles as are ſuitable for the army, and to the marine committee ſuch as are for the navy, and to Mr. J. Meaſe ſuch as are for cloathing, to be made up for the ſoldiers.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *October* 9, 1776.

Two letters of the 3d from general Schuyler, with ſundry papers incloſed, were laid before Congreſs and read:

Ordered, That they be referred to the board of war, and that the letters heretofore received from general Waſhington, general Schuyler, and the other general officers, be lodged in the war-office.

Reſolved, That two months pay be advanced to major Pierre Francois de Bois; he to be accountable.

A petition from Jean Baccarere and his partner was read, and referred to the marine committee.

Application

Application being made in behalf of captain Dirks, late from Surrinam, to be taken into the ſervice of the continent, as an engineer:

Reſolved, That he be referred to the board of war.

The committee appointed to prepare the form of a bond to be given by general Lee, for the 30,000 dollars advanced to him, brought in a draught, which was read and agreed to.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the report of the committee, who went to the camp; whereupon,

Reſolved, That no regimental hoſpitals be for the future allowed in the neighbourhood of the general hoſpital:

That John Morgan, Eſq; provide and ſuperintend a hoſpital at a proper diſtance from the camp, for the army poſted on the eaſt ſide of Hudſon's river:

That William Shippen, jun. Eſq; provide and ſuperintend a hoſpital for the army, in the ſtate of New-Jerſey:

That each of the hoſpitals be ſupplied by the reſpective directors, with ſuch a number of ſurgeons, apothecaries, ſurgeons mates and other aſſiſtants, and alſo ſuch quantities of medicines, bedding, and other neceſſaries, as they ſhall judge expedient:

That they make weekly returns to Congreſs and the commander in chief, of the officers and aſſiſtants of each denomination, and alſo the numbers of ſick and deceaſed in their reſpective hoſpitals:

That the regimental ſurgeons be directed to ſend to the general hoſpitals ſuch officers and ſoldiers of their reſpective regiments, as being confined by wounds or other diſorders, ſhall require nurſes or conſtant attendance, and from time to time to apply to the quarter-maſter general, or his deputy, for convenient waggons for this purpoſe; alſo, that they apply to the directors in their reſpective departments, for medicines and other neceſſaries:

That the wages of nurſes be augmented to one dollar a week:

That the commanding officer of each regiment be directed once a week to ſend a commiſſioned officer to viſit the ſick of his reſpective regiment in the general hoſpital, and report their ſtate to him:

That a commiſſary of cloathing be appointed for each of the armies of the United States, whoſe duty ſhall be to make conſtant returns to the aſſemblies or conventions of the reſpective ſtates, of the cloathing wanted for their ſeveral regiments, to receive and pay for the ſame, to deliver it to the pay-maſters of the reſpective regiments, to be by them diſtributed to the non commiſſioned officers and ſoldiers, and deducted from their wages reſpectively, unleſs allowed as a bounty by order of Congreſs:

That the commiſſary general be impowered to appoint as many conductors for the commiſſary of ſtores, and aſſiſtants to the commiſſary of cloathing, as he ſhall from time to time judge neceſſary, and report their names to Congreſs:

That

That there be a deputy commiſſary of ſtores for the army at New-York, with the pay of thirty dollars a month.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of the report be poſtponed 'till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the board of war ſend 300 lb. of powder to col. Mark Bird, to prove the cannon he has made for the United States.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *October* 10, 1776.

A petition from captain Daniel Morgan and one from captain Smith, lieutenant Steel, and lieutenant Nichols, late returned from Canada, were read:

Ordered, That they be referred to the board of treaſury, who are directed to liquidate and ſettle the accounts incloſed in the ſaid petitions, and to pay or allow for ſuch arms as were loſt or taken by the enemy in the aſſault on Quebec.

A petition from Frederick Seegar was read, praying for leave to reſign his office of quarter-maſter to the German battalion:

Reſolved, That leave be granted.

A petition from John Melchior Neff, and one from Paul Fooks, were read and referred to the board of war.

The marine committee having recommended captain Abraham Whipple, of the ſhip Columbus, to the command of the Providence frigate at Rhode-Iſland:

Reſolved, That he be promoted accordingly.

The committee farther reported, that they have had under conſideration the rank of the captains of the navy, and agreed to a report, which was read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the rank of the captains be as follows:

1.	James Nicholſon, of the	Virginia, of	28 guns.
2.	John Manly, —	Hancock,	32
3.	Hector M'Neil, —	Boſton,	24
4.	Dudley Saltonſtall,	Trumbull,	28
5.	Nicholas Biddle, —	Randolph,	32
6.	Thomas Thompſon,	Raleigh,	32
7.	John Barry, —	Effingham,	28
8.	Thomas Reed, —	Waſhington,	32
9.	Thomas Grennall, —	Congreſs,	28
10.	Charles Alexander,	Delaware,	24
11.	Lambert Wickes, —	Repriſal,	16
12.	Abraham Whipple,	Providence,	28
13.	John Hopkins, —	Warren,	32
14.	John Hodge, —	Montgomery,	24
15.	William Hallock, —	Lexington,	16
16.	Hoyſted Harker, —	Hamden,	
17.	Iſaiah Robinſon, —	Andrew Doria,	14

18. John

18. John Paul Jones, of the Providence, of 12 guns.
19. James Joſiah, —
20. Eliſha Hinman, — Alfred, 28
21. Joſeph Olney, — Cabot, 16
22. James Robinſon, — Sachem, 10
23. John Young, — Independance, 10
24. Eliſha Warner, — Fly,
Lieutenant Baldwin, Waſp, 8
Lieutenant Albertſon, Muſquito, 4

Reſolved, That the marine committee be impowered to ſettle the rank of the lieutenants of the navy.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare the form of an oath to be taken by the officers of the army and navy:

The members choſen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Stone, and Mr. Paine.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Schuyler be directed to take ſuch ſteps as are neceſſary for procuring a ſufficient number of as large veſſels as the navigation of the lakes will admit of, for the ſervice of the ſtates the next campaign, that the command of the lakes may be effectually ſecured:

That William Patten be appointed third lieutenant in colonel Hand's regiment, in the place of lieutenant Clark reſigned:

That the regimental pay-maſters, in the army of the United States, have the rank of firſt lieutenants, and receive rations as captains:

That general Waſhington be directed to negociate with general Howe an exchange of the officers returned from Canada, and that they have a preference to thoſe taken on New-York iſland and Long-Iſland:

That general Waſhington be directed, if he ſhall judge it neceſſary, to ſink the new ſhips mentioned in his letter of the 5th inſtant.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of the report be poſtponed.

The committee, to whom was referred the caſe of William Faulkner, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That William Faulkner, a priſoner confined at Reading, be permitted to return to his family in Tryon county, upon giving his parole.

The committee appointed to deviſe a plan for providing carriages, &c. brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the quarter-maſters in every department be ordered to avoid preſſing horſes and carriages as much as poſſible; and

and when it is neceſſary, that they be directed to go to the country houſes for that purpoſe, and diſcharge, as ſoon as the ſervice will admit, ſuch horſes and carriages ſo impreſſed; and that no violence whatever be done to any perſons, their horſes or carriages, who go to the camp of their own accord, to ſell proviſions, or other neceſſaries of any kind.

On application from the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania was laid before Congreſs and read, deſiring that a committee of Congreſs may be appointed to confer with a committee of their body, on the expediency of having troops ſtationed near the city of Philadelphia, for the defence of Pennſylvania.

Ordered, That the board of war confer with the committee of the council of ſafety, on the ſubject propoſed.

A petition from William Mackay was read, praying for leave to return home:

Ordered, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

Reſolved, That the following promotions and appointments be made in the Virginia battalions, viz.

William Crawford, colonel of the 7th; commiſſion to be dated the 14th of Auguſt:

Joſiah Parker, lieutenant colonel of the 5th; commiſſion to be dated the 13th of Auguſt:

Thomas Elliott, colonel of the 4th; commiſſion to be dated the 3d of September:

James Hendricks, lieutenant colonel of the 6th; commiſſion to be dated the 13th of Auguſt:

John Markham, major of the 2d; commiſſion to be dated the 13th of Auguſt:

John Seayres, major of the 4th; commiſſion to be dated the 13th of Auguſt:

George Johnſton, major of the 5th; commiſſion to be dated the 13th of Auguſt:

Richard Parker, jun. major of the 6th; commiſſion to be dated the 13th of Auguſt:

William Taliaferro, major of the 3d; commiſſion to be dated the 13th of Auguſt:

John Taylor, captain in the 1ſt:

John Chilton, captain in the 3d;
John Blackwell, firſt lieutenant in do.
Joſeph Blackwell, ſecond lieutenant in do.
} commiſſions to be dated the 29th of April:

John Aſhby, captain in the 3d;
William Neilſon, firſt lieutenant;
Iſham Keith, 2d do.
Nathaniel Aſhby, enſign in do.
} commiſſions to be dated the 18th of March:

Charles Read, an enſign, in the room of Robert Dade.

Reſolved, That commiſſions be made out to all the officers of the regiments in the ſervice of the United States, who have been appointed

pointed in the places of others reſigning and promoted, and bear dates the days on which the reſignations and promotions were reſpectively made.

A memorial from George Meaſam was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Reſolved, That three members be added to the committee of cloathing, in the room of thoſe who are abſent:

The members choſen, Mr. Witherſpoon, Mr. Stone and Mr. Penn.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the board of war of the 19th of September; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the inhabitants of Canada, captivated by the United States, and not taken in arms, be releaſed and ſent home, except St. Luke La Corne and Monſ. Rouville, the elder, upon this condition, that they ſign a parole not to take up arms againſt the United States, nor give intelligence to the enemies of theſe ſtates:

That a regiſter be kept of their names.

Ordered, That the board of war deliver gunpowder for proving cannon made for the United States, upon application to them for that purpoſe.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To Joſeph Donaldſon, for ſupplies to recruits to general Lee's guard, and proviſions to captain Grier's company, and a guard with powder to Virginia, 20 dollars and ſixty-ninetieths:

To William Faulkner, a priſoner ſent by general Schuyler to Reading, for his allowance from the 9th of April to the 7th of October incluſive, 26 weeks, at 2 dollars, 52 dollars:

To captain Hazlewood, captain Greenway and Mr. Bedford, a balance of 267 dollars and ten ninetieths, their whole account of charge for preparing ſix fail of fire-ſhips at New-York, and their expences going to, in and coming from New-York to Philadelphia, being 392 dollars and ten ninetieths; of which they have received from S. Moylan, Eſq; quarter-maſter general, 125 dollars; the remainder is 267 dollars and ten ninetieths:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That to-morrow be aſſigned for appointing the commiſſaries of cloathing and deputy commiſſary of ſtores.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *October* 11, 1776.

† Two letters of the 7th and 8th from general Waſhington, with ſundry papers incloſed, were read; whereupon, †

Reſolved, That the releaſe of Monſ. de Chambault, as propoſed by general Waſhington, on the requeſt of the count D'Emery,

governor general of the French port of St. Domingo, be agreed to:

That the general's letters with the papers inclosed be referred to the board of war.

Resolved, That general Washington be desired, if it be practicable, by every art and whatever expence to obstruct effectually the navigation of the North river, between fort Washington and mount Constitution, as well to prevent the regress of the enemies frigates lately gone up, as to hinder them from receiving succours.

The secret committee informed Congress that a vessel was arrived at Rhode-Island, with sundry articles imported by their order, for account of the United States.

Ordered, That the secret committee report in what manner the said goods ought in their opinion to be disposed of.

Resolved, That Mr. S. Collins be requested to order the tents fit for use, which belonged to William Barrel lately deceased, to be delivered to J. Mease for the army, and that the amount thereof, be paid by Mr. Mease on application of Mr. Collins, or other person properly authorised for that purpose.

Ordered, That the marine committee deliver over to the direction of the committee of secret correspondence, two of the continental cruisers now ready for sea, to perform such voyages as they shall think necessary for the service of the states:

That the marine committee give orders to the remainder of the continental cruisers now in the port of Philadelphia, and ready for sea, to proceed on such voyages, or perform such immediate services as the secret committee shall direct, in writing addressed to the commanders thereof.

Resolved, That three members be added to the committee of secret correspondence.

The members chosen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Witherspoon, and Mr. Hooper.

The marine committee to whom was referred the account of captain Martindale, brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That there be paid to captain Sion Martindale the sum of 144 dollars and eighteen ninetieths, in full of expences and disbursements on the brig Washington, and other expences from Halifax to Casco-Bay.

The committee of treasury reported that Edward Snikers of Virginia, produced an account of rifles and other articles, furnished for the use of colonel Stevenson's battalion, amounting to £ 347: 4: 0, Virginia currency, of which captain Abraham Sheppard is to account for £ 67: 15: 0, and the remainder being £ 279: 9: 0, to be charged to the said battalion; that the said Snikers give credit for £ 64: 16: 0, money aforesaid, received from colonel Stevenson the ballance due to the said Snikers, being £ 282:

£ 282 : 8 : 0, equal to 941 dollars and thirty ninetieths, to be paid to Thomas Rutherford :

That William Brady of colonel Stevenſon's battalion, drew an order on colonel Valentine Crawford, one of the executors of the late colonel Stevenſon, for the uſe of the ſaid battalion, for the ſum of 150 dollars, which order was paid by the ſaid V. Crawford, and that he ought to be reimburſed the ſame, which is to be charged to the ſaid Brady :

That they have had under conſideration the accounts of captain Daniel Morgan, amounting with his own and three lieutenants pay, the loſs of rifles when he was taken at the ſtorm of Quebec, expences of recruiting his company, repairing guns which he is charged with and ought to be allowed, in the whole to 1389 dollars and eighty ninetieths :

That the ſaid Morgan credits the ſeveral charges againſt him in the continental books, amounting to 1614 dollars and eighth and a half ninetieths ; by which there appears to be a ballance due to the public of 224 dollars and eighteen and a half ninetieths ;

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid and credited, agreeable to the ſaid report.

A petition from William Jenkins was read and referred to the board of treaſury.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be impowered to appoint a deputy commiſſary of ſtores for the army near New-York.

The committee appointed to prepare the form of an oath, to be taken by the officers of the army and navy, brought in the ſame, which was read.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Reſolved, That a member be added to the marine committee, in the room of Mr. Hopkins:

The member choſen, Mr. Ellery.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed :

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *October* 14, 1776.

A letter of the 12th from general Lee ; one of the 10th from general Mercer ; one of the 30th September from general Gates ; one of the 1ſt inſtant from Joſ. Trumbull, adviſing that he has drawn on the preſident in favour of Thos. Lowry, for 60,000 dollars ; and one of the 7th from general Waſhington incloſing a letter from Dr. Morgan, were read.

Ordered, That the letters from generals Lee and Mercer, be referred to the board of war :

That the letter from Dr. Morgan be referred to the medical committee.

A petition from Francis Mentges was read and referred to the board of war.

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The board of war to whom were referred the letters from general Washington of the 7th and 8th inſtant, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be informed the Congreſs approve of his appointing P. Penett his aid de camp by brevet, and that a commiſſion of aid de camp be accordingly tranſmitted to him:

That the ſeveral ſtates in which priſoners have been lodged, be deſired to furniſh Congreſs with an account of ſuch expences as have been incurred by the ſaid ſtates, reſpectively on account of the ſaid priſoners:

That the ſum of five hundred thouſand dollars be immediately ſent to the paymaſter-general, that he may be enabled to pay the bounty to ſuch of the troops as ſhall reinliſt, to ſerve during the war.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of the report be poſtponed.

The committee appointed to hear and determine upon the appeal brought againſt the ſentence paſſed on the libel Joſhua Wentworth, v. the ſhip Elizabeth, reports as follows:

"Joſhua Wentworth, Eſq; for and in behalf as well of the United States of America, as of John Manly, Daniel Waters and John Ayres, commanders; and the officers, marines and mariners, of the three armed veſſels *Hancock*, *Lee* and *Lynch* in the ſervice of the ſaid ſtates, having exhibited a libel before Joſhua Brackett, Eſq; judge of the court maritime of the ſtate of New-Hampſhire, againſt the brigantine Elizabeth, commanded by Peter Ramſay, and her cargo, and Richard Hart of Portſmouth in New-Hampſhire, owner of the ſaid brigantine, and William Jackſon and others of Boſton in the ſtate of Maſſachuſets-Bay, owners of ſundry goods and merchandize on board of her, having put in their ſeveral claims thereto, and the ſaid judge of the court aforeſaid, having on the 21ſt day of Auguſt, in the year of our Lord 1776, decreed and ordered the ſaid brigantine, and ſo much of her cargo as was claimed to be reſtored to the reſpective claimants, and that the claimants recover their legal coſts of court, from which decree and ſentence the ſaid Joſhua Wentworth appealed to Congreſs.

The committee of Congreſs to whom it was referred to hear and determine the ſaid appeal, have diligently inſpected the proceedings and heard the parties by their counſels, and it appearing that on the 1ſt day of October, in the year of our Lord 1775, general Gage, commander in chief of the Britiſh forces then in Boſton in the ſtate of Maſſachuſets Bay, by his commiſſion to Crean Bruſh, Eſq; directed him to receive into his care all ſuch goods, chattels, and effects of the inhabitants of that town, ſome of whom had departed from it, as might be voluntarily delivered into his charge by the owners or by other perſons with whom they were left giving

ing his receipt for them, and to deliver them to the owners, when he ſhould be required; that on the 10th day of March then following, general Howe, who had ſucceeded general Gage in the command of the Britiſh forces by his commiſſion to the ſaid Crean Bruſh, reciting that as he was informed there were large quantities of goods in Boſton, which if in the poſſeſſion of the rebels (as he termed the Americans) might enable them to carry on war, and that he had given notice to all loyal inhabitants to remove ſuch goods from thence, and that thoſe who would nor remove them or deliver them to the care of the ſaid Crean Bruſh, would be conſidered as abettors of rebels, required him to take into his poſſeſſion all ſuch goods as anſwered that deſcription, and give certificates to the owners that he had received them for their uſe, and would deliver them to the owners, unavoidable accidents excepted, and to ſeize any ſuch goods, as upon inquiry ſhould be found ſecreted or left in ſtores, and put them on board of the Minerva ſhip, or brigantine Elizabeth. That thereupon the ſaid Crean Bruſh, aſſiſted by other perſons, took into his poſſeſſion the goods of the claimants amongſt others, and put them into the ſaid brigantine Elizabeth and other veſſels in the harbour of Boſton, without the knowledge of ſome of the owners, and without the conſent of all the others, unleſs it be William Jackſon and James Jackſon, of whoſe conſent however there are no other proofs than that one of them went with his goods and watched there on the wharf from whence they were ſhipped, and that the other was a paſſenger in the ſaid brigantine Elizabeth in her voyage towards Halifax. That the ſaid Crean Bruſh, by certificates under his hands, acknowledged ſeveral parcels of the goods to be in his cuſtody, and engaged to preſerve them ſafely, to make up exact invoices thereof, and with the approbation of the commander in chief, to return them to the owners. That on the 29th day of March afterwards, the ſaid Peter Ramſay, by orders from admiral Shuldham of the Britiſh fleet, given about eight days before, went on board the ſaid brigantine Elizabeth, into which ſome of the claimants goods had been ſhifted from the other veſſels, and the ſame day between the hours of three and four in the afternoon, ſailed with her under convoy of the Britiſh ſhip of war Niger, for Halifax in Nova Scotia, and that on the Tueſday following, the ſaid John Manly in the Hancock coming up with the ſaid brigantine Elizabeth, which had in the mean time parted from her convoy, fired a broadſide at her, which was returned by a volley of ſmall arms, when the ſaid Daniel Waters in the Lee, and the ſaid John Ayres in the Lynch, joining the ſaid John Manly, the ſaid Peter Ramſay ſtruck, it being about four or five of the clock in the afternoon, and the ſaid brigantine was ſeized and carried into Piſcataqua river in New-Hampſhire; whereupon the committee, after mature deliberation are of opinion, that the ſaid brigantine Elizabeth, is not comprehended in the deſcription

ſcription of veſſels, which with their cargoes by the reſolutions of Congreſs of the 25th day of November laſt, may be forfeited, not being an armed or a tranſport veſſel, employed in the preſent war againſt the United States, nor carrying proviſions or other neceſſaries to the Britiſh army or navy, within any of the United Colonies; and that the caſes of recaptures mentioned in the reſolution of Congreſs of the fifth day of December laſt, adjuſting the proportions of ſalvage, thoſe caſes only were intended in which the veſſels and their cargoes remaining in poſſeſſion of the enemy, might by the law of nations be condemned as prize, which is conceived not to be the caſe with the ſaid brigantine Elizabeth and her cargoe; but that notwithſtanding it was the duty of the recaptors to recover the ſaid brigantine and her cargo, and that the owners who otherwiſe might, and probably would have loſt their whole property, ought to make a reaſonable ſatisfaction; and that therefore the ſaid ſentence is erroneous, and ought to be reverſed and annulled: That the ſaid brigantine Elizabeth and ſuch parts of her cargo as were claimed in the ſaid court maritime, be reſtored to the reſpective claimants, upon their paying to the United States and the recaptors one twelfth part of the value thereof, to be determined by the appraiſement of appraiſers on oath appointed by the judge of the ſaid court: That the reſidue of the cargoe be ſold, and the proceeds after deducting the like proportion and for the ſame uſes, retained for the perſons who ſhall hereafter prove their right to the ſame; that William Burk commander, and the marines and mariners of the Warren, an armed veſſel in the ſervice of the United States, who claimed a part of the ſaid brigantine Elizabeth and her cargo, as being joint captors, are not intitled to a ſhare of the ſalvage, it not appearing that they were preſent or in ſight at the time of the recapture: And that the appellants recover againſt the claimants their coſts as well in the ſaid court maritime, as in the proſecution of their appeal here; and that the cauſe be ſent back to the ſaid court maritime, for that court to proceed in carrying this ſentence into execution."

And the ſaid report being read, was agreed to.

Reſolved, That ſuch part of the twelfth adjudged in the foregoing report to be paid in lieu of ſalvage, as belongs to the United States, be releaſed, and given up to the owners of the goods.

The committee on the ſtate of the priſoners brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

The board of treaſury, for the more regular ſettlement of accounts, propoſed ſundry queries to Congreſs; whereupon,

Reſolved, That no allowance be made to officers for any arms loſt or taken from them by the enemy:

That no officer holding two appointments in the continental army be paid for more than one, after notice was given to the commanders

commanders of the reſpective armies, of the reſolution of Congreſs againſt officers holding double commiſſions.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to deviſe ways and means for ſupplying the treaſury with a farther ſum of money:

The members choſen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Wilſon and Mr. Hall.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to conſider what is to be done with negroes taken by veſſels of war, in the ſervice of the United States:

The members choſen, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. R. H. Lee and Mr. Huntington.

Reſolved, That 600 dollars be advanced to Mr. R. Erwin, waggon-maſter; he to be accountable.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to order the Virginia troops, on their march to New-York, to halt at Trenton, 'till farther orders.

Reſolved, That the colonels of the New-Jerſey militia make out regular pay-rolls of ſuch of the troops as have been under their command, when called into the continental ſervice, and have not been paid by the convention of the ſaid ſtate:

That ſuch rolls be atteſted by the oaths of the commanding officer and captains of the reſpective regiments, and paid by warrants on the pay-maſter there by general Mercer or the commanding officer in that department; he paying due attention to the reſolutions of Congreſs tranſmitted herewith:

That one penny a mile be allowed, in lieu of rations, to ſuch men as have paid their expences while on their march to and from the camp, from and to their reſpective homes.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *October* 15, 1776.

A letter of the 11th, 12th and 13th, from general Waſhington; one of the 10th from general Lee; one of the 10th from general Schuyler; one of the ſame date from general Green; one of the 9th from Joſ. Trumbull; one of the 4th from Seth Warner, and one of the ſame date from brigadier general Lewis, were read:

Ordered, That the letters from general Waſhington and general Lee and Mr. Trumbull be referred to the board of war:

That the letter from general Green be referred to the medical committee, and the letter from general Lewis to the board of treaſury.

Application being made to Congreſs by John Foxcroft, Eſq; for leave to go to New-York, to remove his family from the horrors of war, and relieve them from the diſtreſs in which they are at preſent involved:

Reſolved, That leave be granted him upon giving his parole to the

the board of war; but he is not to set out on his journey before next week.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon,

Resolved, That general Gates be informed, that Congress have it not in their power at present to supply him with the artillery he desires, but will procure such as soon as possible:—

That two independant companies, consisting of fifty men each, be immediately raised to be commanded by lieutenant Whitcombe, who should be appointed captain commandant; that he nominate the officers of the said two companies, who are to be appointed, when approved of by the commanding officer in the northern department.

Resolved, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed.

William Davis, who was appointed deputy muster-master general of the flying camp, having requested leave to resign that commission:

Resolved, That leave be granted, and that to-morrow be assigned for appointing a deputy muster-master general for the flying camp.

Resolved, That 27 dollars be advanced to the captain of the guard appointed to attend the waggons carrying goods to Ticonderoga.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due to the following persons the sum of 913 dollars and forty-three ninetieths; for which an order is to be drawn in favour of Thomas Armour, viz.

To Peter Schlemmer, for victualling the militia on their march to New-Jersey, —— ——	Dollars 43.42 Ninet.
To Frederic Rummel, for ditto, — —	65.49
To William Thompson, victualling general Lee's guard, —— —— ——	50.71
To Elizabeth Kuntz, victualling militia, &c.	64.51
To George Stahe, for ditto, — —	86.54
To Adam Gartner, ditto, and sick soldiers,	260.86
To sundries for supplying the militia and general Lee's guard, —— —— ——	47.49
To Elizabeth Robinson, for ditto, ——	12.48
To Andrew Nebbenger, for ditto, —	39.86
To Godlup Zegel, for ditto to gen. Lee's guard,	9.19
To Zacharias Sturgent, for ditto, ——	8.67
To Martin Benesey, for ditto, — —	40.
To Frederick Rumble, for ditto, ——	72.33
To Jacob Bushong, for ditto, — —	58.27
To Daniel Kyser, for ditto, ——	29.66
To And. Horzeg, for repairing arms of ditto,	23.15
The whole amounting to —	Dollars 913.43 Ninet.

To

To Baltzar Spangler, and to be paid to Thomas Armour, for victualling a part of general Lee's guard, nurſing in the ſmall-pox, &c. at York-town, and for proviſions to militia, 158 dollars and twelve ninetieths:

To lieutenant Francis Nichols, of the late captain Hendricks's company, for two months pay extraordinary to the following officers, viz.

To the late capt. Hendricks killed at the aſſault of Quebec, —— ——	Dollars 53.30	Ninet.
To lieutenant John M'Cleland, who died on the march to ditto, —— —— ——	36	
To the ſaid lieutenant Nichols, — —	36	
For the uſe of the executors of capt. Hendricks's inliſting money, when the company was raiſed, 85 at 1 dollar and one third each, — —	113.30	
The whole amounting to — —	238.60	

That there ſhould be advanced to lieutenant Francis Nichols, for the purpoſe of paying the ſoldiers of his company returned from Quebec, the ſum of 1753 dollars and thirty ninetieths, until he can ſettle the accounts of the company; for which he is to be charged:

Ordered, That the ſaid ſums be paid.

Reſolved, That two members be added to the committee of treaſury:

The members choſen, Mr. Wythe and Mr. Smith.

The ſecret committee brought in a report on the diſtribution of the cargo lately arrived at Providence, Rhode-Iſland, in the brig Happy Return; whereupon,

Reſolved, That a copy of the invoice of the cloths and blankets be ſent to general Mifflin, quarter-maſter general, with an order to Meſſrs. Browns of Rhode-Iſland, to deliver the whole to his order, and that it be recommended to the ſaid quarter-maſter general to have the cloths immediately made up for the ſoldiers either in Rhode-Iſland, Connecticut, or by the taylors in the army, as may be thought beſt by general Waſhington and himſelf:

That Meſſrs. Browns be directed to deliver to the continental agent, at Rhode-Iſland, the remaining part of the cargo, with orders to apply the lead, bullets, flints, muſkets and powder, to the uſe of the continental frigates and cruizers, or ſuch part thereof as may be wanted for that ſervice, and the reſt to remain for future orders:

That the ſaid agent be directed to buy as much good fat beef and pork as can be cured by the ſalt in his poſſeſſion, for the uſe of the navy:

That the agent be directed to forward the ſulphur of the ſaid cargo to the powder-mills in Connecticut and Rhode-Iſland, and

the five tons of ſaltpetre formerly ſent by Congreſs from Philadelphia to Rhode-Iſland, from thence to the powder-mills of Meſſrs. Livingſton and Wiſner, on the North River, in the ſtate of New-York, to be manufactured into gunpowder, for the continental ſervice.

Reſolved, That 40,000 dollars be ſent to R. Dallam, Eſq; deputy pay-maſter general, for the uſe of the flying camp and militia; he to be accountable.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *October* 16, 1776.

A letter of the 9th from E. Pendleton, ſpeaker of the aſſembly of Virginia; one of the 11th from T. Jefferſon, were read:

Alſo, a letter of the 12th from Joſ. Trumbull, wherein he informs Congreſs, that he has impowered Carpenter Wharton to purchaſe ſalt to the weſtward of New-Jerſey, and as much pork, for the uſe of the army, as ſalt can be had for, and requeſts that Mr. Wharton may be ſupplied with ſuch ſums of money as may be neceſſary for this purpoſe, and charged to the accounts of him the ſaid J. Trumbull:

Reſolved, That Mr. Wharton be ſupplied accordingly.

Reſolved, That 16,803 dollars and ſix ninetieths be paid to brigadier general Miffin or order, and charged to the account of Jon. Trumbull, jun. Eſq; deputy pay-maſter general in the northern department; the ſame being in full of a draught in his favour, by John Pierce, aſſiſtant pay-maſter, in behalf of the ſaid Jon. Trumbull, dated Albany, October 7, 1776, for ſo much ſtopped for him from the pay of the ſeveral regiments at Ticonderoga, by the ſaid pay-maſter.

Congreſs proceeded to the election of a commiſſary of cloathing for the northern army, and the ballots being taken,

George Meaſam was elected.

Reſolved, That George Meaſam be allowed the pay and rations of a major in the continental ſervice.

Reſolved, That the commander in chief of the northern department appoint ſuitable perſons to appraiſe on oath, and deliver to the ſaid commiſſary, all articles of cloathing there, belonging to the United States, and tranſmit his receipts, with the appraiſement, to the treaſury office in Philadelphia:

That the ſaid commiſſary employ ſuitable perſons to make the cloathing, and add to the appraiſed value of the goods, the charges of making; and that he deliver the ſame to the regimental pay-maſters, agreeable to the orders he may receive from the commander aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be impowered to appoint a commiſſary of cloathing for the army under his immediate command,

mand, and that he be alſo impowered to appoint a deputy muſter-maſter for the flying camp.

Reſolved, That one ton of powder be ſent to North Carolina for the uſe of the continental forces in that ſtate.

A letter of the 1ſt of October from John Roche was read:

Ordered, That it be referred to the marine committee, and that they do therein what they ſhall think proper.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the ſtate of the priſoners; whereupon,

Reſolved, That William Livingſton, Eſq. governor of New-Jerſey be informed that Congreſs have conſidered his letter relative to certain priſoners confined in Somerſet jail, and being unacquainted either with their characters, or the cauſes of their being apprehended, requeſt him to inquire into the ſame, and report to Congreſs their names and characters:

That ſoldiers and ſailors confined in jail be hereafter allowed one dollar and one-third, a week; the allowance of one dollar being found inſufficient to ſupport them comfortably.

Reſolved, That the remainder of the report be recommitted.

The marine committee to whom was referred the petition of B. Marſhall and Brothers, and certain propoſitions from the ſtate of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, brought in their report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That what relates to B. Marſhall and Brothers be poſtponed to Wedneſday the 23d inſtant.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the general court of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, to give the continental agent the full weight of their influence to make the frigate Hancock ready for ſea immediately; that whatever expence ſhall accrue to the ſtate of Maſſachuſetts-Bay either for procuring guns or other ſtores for fitting the ſaid frigate, ſhall be reimburſed on demand; and that in directing the cruize of the ſaid frigate the Congreſs will pay all the regard to the protection of the commerce of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, that the zeal of that ſtate in the common cauſe juſtly intitles it to.

A petition from captain C. Roberts was read, and referred to Mr. Walton, Mr. Hopkinſon, and Mr. F. L. Lee, who are directed to inquire into the facts therein ſet forth, and report to Congreſs.

A memorial from the chevalier d'Antignac was read, and referred to the board of war.

A memorial from colonel D. Campbell was read; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the commanding officer in the northern department be deſired to confirm or diſapprove the ſentence of the court martial on col. D. Campbell, as he upon mature judgment ſhall think proper, and report to Congreſs.

Whereas ſundry prizes have been heretofore taken by the cruizers fitted out by general Waſhington at the continental expence, and

and on continental account, and no accounts thereof have yet been rendered by the agents who received and ſold the ſaid prizes; and whereas a juſt diſtribution of ſuch ſhares of the ſaid prizes as are due to the officers and men, agreeable to the rules and regulations of Congreſs, ought to be made;

Reſolved, That the marine committee be impowered to order ſuch diſtribution of the ſaid prize money amongſt the parties intereſted therein; and that they recover from the ſaid agents the continental ſhare of all the ſaid prizes:

That the preſent continental agents do account with the marine committee from time to time, for the continental ſhare of all prizes received and ſold by them, and that they pay the amount of ſuch prizes to the order of the ſaid committee:

That the ſaid agents make juſt diſtributions of the ſhares in all prizes, that appertain to the officers and crews of the continental ſhips of war, agreeable to the rules and regulations of Congreſs, as ſoon after the ſales of each prize as poſſible:

That the marine committee apply all the prize money they receive from the agents to the ſervice of the marine department, and hereafter render accounts thereof to Congreſs;

That the marine committee report from time to time all ſums of money they receive for prizes to the treaſury, in order that the ſame may be charged to their account in the treaſury books.

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due,

To capt. Sion Martindale and lieutenant Moſes Turner, for their pay and rations from the 1ſt of January to the 14th of October, 1776, the ſum of 572 dollars, and ſeventy-ſix ninetieths.

Ordered, That the ſaid account be paid.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed;

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *October* 17. 1776.

A petition from Henry Keppele was laid before Congreſs and read, ſetting forth, that he hath entered an appeal againſt the ſentence paſſed on the ſhip Charming Peggy, and praying that a convenient day may be aſſigned for hearing the ſaid appeal;

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed with full power to hear and determine upon ſaid appeal:

The members choſen, Mr. Huntington, Mr. Paine, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Wilſon.

Reſolved, That a committee of four be appointed to review ſuch of the reſolutions of Congreſs as relate to the capture and condemnation of prizes, and report what alterations or additions ſhould be made reſpecting the ſame:

The members choſen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Rutledge, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Huntington.

A petition from Carpenter Wharton was read;

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it be referred to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania.

Reſolved, That a commiſſary be appointed to ſupply the battalion commanded by colonel Mackay with proviſions; the ballots being taken,

Ephraim Blaine, Eſq; was elected.

Reſolved, That Francis Lewis, junr. be permitted to go to the ſtate of New-York with Mr. Foxcroft.

The committee to whom the report on the ſtate of the priſoners in the jail of Philadelphia was recommitted, brought in a farther report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the priſoners from North-Carolina be permitted to return to their families, if the convention of that ſtate ſhall be of opinion they may ſo do, without danger to that or any other of the United States; and in the mean time that bedding, blankets, and other neceſſaries be furniſhed the gaoler by Mr. Meaſe, for the uſe of ſuch priſoners as are unprovided with them:

That captain M'Kenzie be permitted to apply to the ſtate of North-Carolina for liberty to return there, and in the mean time, that he be allowed ten dollars to bear his expences to Lancaſter county:

That lieutenant M'Clean, an half pay officer taken in Canada, be permitted to reſide at Reading on his parole.

Reſolved, That a committee of intelligence be appointed to ſelect and report ſuch authentic accounts as are from time to time received by Congreſs of the ſtate of the armies and navy of the United States, as they ſhall judge proper to be publiſhed by authority of Congreſs:

The members choſen, Mr. Ruſh, Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Hopkinſon.

Reſolved, That a committee be appointed to bring in a plan for the better regulating the treaſury board:

The members choſen, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Livingſton, and Mr. Hopkinſon.

Mr. Duché having by letter informed the preſident that the ſtate of his health, and his parochial duties were ſuch, as obliged him to decline the honor of continuing chaplain to Congreſs,

Reſolved, That the preſident return the thanks of this houſe to the reverend Mr. Duché, for the devout and acceptable manner in which he diſcharged his duty during the time he officiated as chaplain to it; and that one hundred and fifty dollars be preſented to him, as an acknowledgment from the houſe of his ſervices.

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due,

To captain A. H. Brice for his allowance as an officer priſoner, from 19th April to 17th October 1776, inclusive, being 26 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 52 dollars:

To

To captain Thomas Heſketh for his allowance from 20th July to 19th October, 13 weeks, at 2 dollars a week, 26 dollars:

To George Haas for the hire of his waggon and his expences with money from Philadelphia to Boſton the ſum of 131 dollars and twenty-four ninetieths:

To colonel Hauſegger for the expences of himſelf and two priſoners from Ticonderoga to Philadelphia, 57 dollars and nine ninetieths:

To captain Matthew Smith to be paid to lieutenant Archibald Steel, for inliſting his company conſiſting of 80 men, at 1 dollar and one third each, 106 dollars and ſixty ninetieths:

That they have examined the accounts exhibited by lieutenant Archibald Steel of captain Smith's company, for the pay of 34 officers, and of adjutant Chriſtian Febiger taken priſoners at Quebec, amounting to 1575 dollars and thirty ninetieths, (excluſive of the pay of one ſerjeant, one corporal and twelve privates who inliſted in the ſervice of the king of Great-Britain, amounting to 476 dollars and ſixty ninetieths, which is retained) of which he received from Mr. J. Meaſe the ſum of 314 dollars and thirty ninetieths, which leaves a ballance due to the ſaid Steel of 1261 dollars.

That there is due, to George Steyer for linens furniſhed, and to be charged to captain John Nelſon for the uſe of his company, 24 dollars:

To Adam Zantzinger for the hire of two waggons and the expence of an eſcort of light horſe with money from Philadelphia to the camp near New-York, 150 dollars and ſixty ninetieths:

To William Clayton for proviſions ſupplied militia on their march to New-Jerſey, 24 dollars and twenty-ſeven ninetieths:

To John Bates for 499 camp kettles delivered by him to Guſtavus Riſberg, aſſiſtant to the deputy quarter maſter general, 665 dollars and thirty ninetieths:

To William Bentley to be paid to colonel Stricker for proviſions ſupplied the Virginia troops on their march, 17 dollars and fifty-four ninetieths:

To Joſeph Bentley for proviſions ſupplied the militia and flying camp on their march to New-Jerſey, 19 dollars and ſeventy-two ninetieths:

To Nicholas Bazin, a Canadian priſoner, for his allowance from 3d March to 17th October, is 32 weeks and five ſevenths, at 2 dollars a week, 65 dollars and thirty-eight ninetieths.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred, being poſtponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *October* 18, 1776.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved,

Resolved, That Thaddeus Kosciuszko be appointed an engineer in the service of the United States, with the pay of sixty dollars a month, and the rank of colonel.

The committee to whom the petition of colonel M. Hazen was referred, brought in their report, which was read.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed:

Adjourned to ten o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *October* 21, 1776.

A letter of the 14th and 17th from R. Harrison the general's secretary; one of the 18th from general Washington inclosing the copy of a letter from general Arnold and other papers; two of the 17th and 19th from general Mercer; and one from Kenneth Hankanson, captain of a vessel stranded on the Jersey shore, were laid before Congress and read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 13th, from R. Dallam was also read; whereupon,

Resolved, That 19740 dollars be paid to Gustavus Risberg, assistant to the deputy-quarter-master-general for the flying camp, and charged to the account of the said R. Dallam:

That 500,000 dollars be sent to Jon. Trumbull, Esq; deputy-paymaster-general for the northern department:

That 2000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of North-Carolina, and charged to that state.

A letter of the 5th from colonel James Easton was read.

The secret committee having informed Congress that a vessel was arrived in New-Hampshire with a cargo on account of the continent, among which was a quantity of flints; it was thereupon,

Resolved, That the secret committee be directed to order 30,000 of the said flints to general Schuyler for the use of the army in the northern department, and the remainder to general Washington, for the use of the army under his immediate command.

A letter of the 20th from general Green was read:

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of war, and that they be directed to apply to the council of safety of Pennsylvania for the loan of as many cartridges as they can spare, which are to be sent with all possible dispatch to general Washington, and that they take the most effectual measures to have a sufficient quantity of cartridges made up in Philadelphia, and forwarded to general Washington.

Resolved, That the powder in the magazine be kept for the public service.

Congress being informed that there is at the lead mines in Virginia, a quantity of lead for the use of the continent,

Resolved, That the board of war be directed to give orders to have it brought to Philadelphia.

A memorial

A memorial from Monſ. Dorre was preſented to Congreſs and read:

Ordered, That it be referred to the marine committee.

A letter of the 20th from R. Harriſon, incloſing copies of letters from general Gates and general Arnold of the 15th, and of one from general Schuyler of the 16th; alſo one of the 16th from general Schuyler, and one of the 19th from the convention of New-York, being received, were read:

Ordered, That they be referred to the board of war.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon,

Reſolved, That the deputy commiſſary-general in Virginia be directed to make contracts for the ſupply of the troops in that department, provided they can be made at a rate not exceeding eight-pence Virginia currency a ration; the contractors to have the uſe of the public waggons on any motion or march of the army, from the place or places where ſtationed:

That the commander in chief of each department be impowered at the inſtance of the commiſſary-general or his deputies to employ as many perſons under him or them, at ſuch ſalary or wages as he ſhall think adequate, and as he may think the ſervice from time to time requires:

That the rations allowed to the ſeveral officers on the ſtaff in the army of the United States, not heretofore ſettled, be as follows, and that the deputy commiſſary of Virginia be informed thereof;

To the deputy commiſſary general	6 rations.
deputy quarter maſter general	6 do.
deputy pay maſter general	6 do.
deputy adjutant general	6 do.
deputy muſter maſter general	6 do.
deputy judge advocate	6 do.
chaplain	3 do.
regimental ſurgeon	3 do.
ſurgeon's mate	2 do.

That the deputy commiſſary-general of Virginia be allowed his reaſonable travelling charges, to be ſettled by the treaſury board.

The committee of treaſury reported that they have examined the following accounts paid by John Gibſon, Eſq; auditor-general, by order of the board, amounting to 687 dollars and twenty-ſeven ninetieths; of which he received by the preſident's warrant, 500 dollars, and there remains due to him 187 dollars and twenty-ſeven ninetieths:

	Dollars.	*Ninetieths.*
For parchment for the uſe of the treaſury-office,	2	
George Hofnagle's account for 15 of the militia,	1	45
John Sparhawk's account for quills, paper-books,		

&c.

	Dollars.	Ninetieths.
&c. for the use of the commissioners sent to Albany, — —	40	
Henry Deering's account for entertaining militia, — —	16	18
Andrew Smith's account for ditto,	12	78
Joseph Sheerer's account for ditto, paid Thomas Wiggins, —	14	20
John Druit, for Bernard Romans's order, to be charged to the said Romans, — —	16	
Conrad Alster's account for entertaining militia, —	5	45
Philip Upright's ditto, for ditto and guard of powder to Virginia,	3	6
John Nice's ditto, for ditto,	17	36
Levi Hollingsworth's account for escorting money to Amboy, —	16	75
William Perkins, for supplies to troops,	2	84
Porterage of a box with the Massachusetts papers, — —		6
Capt. Read's account of expences of his company on their march to camp,	40	72
Capt. Wheely's account of ditto,	27	54
Capt. M'Kenzie, for subsistance,	3	39
Mons. Lotbinier, French chaplain, one month's pay and rations, —	41	30
Benjamin Condy, for cake ink,	6	36
Thread for the use of the office,		15
Secretary Peters's order for transporting lieut. Symmes's baggage,	10	30
Allen M'Donald sen. Allen M'Donald jun. Alexander M'Donald, Rennel M'Donald, for three weeks allowance to themselves and two servants, to Sept. 24,	36	
William Ross's account of subsistance to militia, — —	9	52
Valentine Vanholt's account of ditto,	9	9
R. Lumsden, for wood, hauling and sawing, — —	9	22
John Streeper's account for subsisting militia, — —	12	9
Postage of a letter from Ticonderoga,		49
Mons. Lotbinier, one month's pay and rations, — —	41	30
Allen M'Donald, for the hire of a woman servant allowed him from 4th of June to 24th of September, 16 weeks,	16	

John M'Kinzie, a prisoner from North-Carolina, his allowance from 20th Sept. to 17th Oct. 4 weeks,	8	
Bartholomew Vanheer's account of disbursements to the army in Canada, and 6 months pay as lieutenant,	145	31
Uriah Forrest, captain of a company in col. Irvine's battalion, furnishing 86 men, non-commissioned officers and privates, with provisions from Annapolis to Philadelphia, 115 miles at 1 d. a mile each, also to 1 captain and 3 subalterns 115 miles, at 9d. in the whole —	121	35
Total, —	687	27
Of which received	500	
The ballance due,	187	27

That there is due to Robert Jewel, for the maintenance of state prisoners in the new goal, and for candles, &c. 489.43 dollars.

To the late capt. William Hendricks's company, and to be paid to lieut. Francis Nichols of the said company, for the ballance of an account for their pay, arms lost at the storm of Quebec, hunting shirts, &c. 1622.22 dollars.

To William Pollard, for the expence of himself and others of the light horse, as an escort with money from Philadelphia to New-York and Boston. 291.57 dollars.

To Jacob Hartman for the hire of his waggon, bringing the baggage of the prisoners from Canada, from Elizabeth-town to Philadelphia, 16.60 dollars.

To John Hall and Samuel Parker, for cleaning and repairing 200 muskets with bayonets, scabbards, &c. for the German battalion, 215.78 dollars.

To Coxe, Furman and Coxe, for carriage of powder from Philadelphia to Virginia, and the pay of capt. Matthis for taking charge of the same, 233.81 dollars.

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

Congress took into consideration the form of the oath to be taken by the officers in the service of the continent, which was agreed to, as follows,

I —— —— do acknowledge the Thirteen United States of America, namely, New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay, Rhode-Island, Connecticut, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North-Carolina, South-Carolina, and Georgia, to be free, independent and sovereign States, and declare that the people thereof owe no allegiance or obedience to George the third, king of Great-

Great-Britain; and I renounce, refuſe and abjure any allegiance or obedience to him: and I do ſwear that I will to the utmoſt of my power ſupport, maintain and defend the ſaid United States againſt the ſaid king George the third, and his heirs and ſucceſſors, and his and their abettors, aſſiſtants and adherents, and will ſerve the ſaid United States in the office of ——, which I now hold, and in any other office which I may hereafter hold by their appointment or under their authority with fidelity and honour, and according to the beſt of my ſkill and underſtanding. So help me God.

Reſolved, That every officer who holds or ſhall hereafter hold a commiſſion or office from Congreſs, ſhall ſubſcribe the above declaration and take the foregoing oath.

Reſolved, That 100,000 dollars be ſent to the deputy paymaſter general in Virginia.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *October* 22, 1776.

A letter from general Miffin to capt. Falkner, was laid before Congreſs and read,

Ordered, That it be referred to a committee of three, and that they be directed to engage and ſend to headquarters, a ſkillful active wharf-builder, with proper aſſiſtants.

The members choſen, Mr. Morris, Mr. Wilſon, and Mr. Roſs.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To monſieur O. H. Rouville, his ſervant P. H. de Beaubaſſin, J. B. H. de Rouville, Joſeph de Jarlais, and Joſeph and Gabriel Heiter, for their allowance from 13th July to 18th October, 1776, 186.69 dollars.

That they have examined the accounts of D. S. Franks, for ſundry goods ſupplied the army in Canada, amounting to 3748.84 dollars, of which he received a warrant of the 7th of September for 1600 dollars, and that there is a ballance now due to him of 2148.84 dollars.

That there is due to Nathan Sellers, for a paper-mould, letters and borders, 39 dollars.

That there ſhould be advanced to col. Hollingſworth, the ſum of 1626.60 dollars for ſupplies of rations and waggons for the Virginia battalions from the Head of Elk to Cheſter, he to be accountable.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſums be paid.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved,

Resolved, That general Schuyler's application to the Eastern states and to the state of New-York, for their militia, is approved.

That the resolution for sending home the Canadians, be suspended till farther orders.

That the board of war order the several prisoners in Philadelphia, to the places of their destination, and that they write to the several committees who have the charge of prisoners, not to suffer them to go beyond the bounds allowed them, nor to permit any of them to come to Philadelphia without leave first obtained from the board of war.

Resolved, That Mrs. Antil, with her child and sister, Miss Colden, be permitted to go to general Mercer, who is desired to permit them to proceed to New-York, taking especial care that they carry no intelligence to the enemy.

The secret committee reported, that the cargo lately arrived at Portsmouth, in the brig marquis of Kildare, capt. Palmer, consists of the following articles, viz. 5000lb of powder, 250 small arms, 100,000 flints, 4000 yards of small canvas, 4 to 500 jackets, 100 knapsacks, 100 leggings, 80 large rugs, 2 bales of woollens, 1 bale of linnens, and 10 tons of lead; whereupon

Resolved, That the powder, 100 small arms, 2000 flints, part of the canvas, 80 rugs, and part of the lead, be applied by the continental agent for the use of the continental frigate Raleigh:

That 60,000 flints be sent to general Washington:

That 38,000 flints, 150 small arms, 100 knapsacks, 100 leggings, and 8 tons of lead, be sent to the northern army, under general Schuyler and general Gates:

That the remainder of the canvas be made into tents, and sent to the northern army:

That the jackets, if fit for soldiers, be sent to the northern army; if fit for sailors, be distributed amongst the continental frigates at Portsmouth and Boston:

That the two bales of woollens be made up into soldiers cloaths for the northern army;

That the bale of linnens, if fit for soldiers shirts, or other purposes for the army, be made up and sent to the northern army, if not suitable for public use, be sold to the best advantage.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Charles Roberts, brought in a report, which was read and disagreed to.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed, adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY,

WEDNESDAY, *October* 23, 1776.

Congreſs being informed that a veſſel from London to Quebec, loaden with dry goods, among which is a quantity of blankets and coarſe cloths, fit for ſoldiers cloathing, was lately taken and brought to Rhode-Iſland,

Reſolved, That governor Cooke be requeſted immediately to purchaſe, at continental expence, for the uſe of the army under general Waſhington, all the ſaid blankets and cloths; that the blankets be ſent to general Waſhington, and the cloths be made up agreeable to the directions of brigadier general Mifflin, quarter-maſter general.

Ordered, That the committee of cloathing forward the above reſolution, and acquaint general Waſhington and brigadier general Mifflin therewith.

Reſolved, That two more brigadiers general be appointed.

The ballots being taken,

Colonel William Maxwell and

Colonel William Smallwood were elected.

Certain reſolutions paſſed by the convention of Maryland, reſpecting the raiſing the eight battalions allotted to their ſtate, were laid before congreſs, and read;

Ordered, That they be referred to a committee of three, who are directed to report an anſwer thereto:

The members choſen, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Paine, Mr. Rutledge.

Reſolved, That it be referred to the board of war to conſider in what way Monſieur de Roche Fermoy may be employed in the ſervice of the continent;

That the application in favour of lieut. Van Hederich be referred to the board of war:

That Samuel Fairlamb's account be referred to the board of treaſury.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To Joſeph Borden, Eſq; for waggonage, boat-hire, &c. tranſporting carpenters and their baggage from Philadelphia to Hawle's Hook, after deducting 2 dollars and the ſum of 23 30 dollars for the hire of a four horſe team of William Allen, deducted for want of a voucher, and 2 dollars paid by capt. Caſdorp, 94 dollars.

That they have examined the account of Elihu Spencer for his ſalary as a miſſionary to North-Carolina, from the 14th December, 1775, to the 4th May, 1776, being 4 months and 21 days, at 40 dollars a month, 186.45 dollars.

That the ſaid miſſionary ought to be allowed in addition to his ſalary, 16 dollars per month, which is 75.18 dol.

That

That he received a warrant of the 20th December last, for 120 dollars, and that there is now due to him the sum of 141.63 dollars.

That there is due to Alexander M'Worter, missionary to North-Carolina, for the like time, at the salary of 40 dollars and allowance of 16 dollars a month, after deducting 120 dollars he received, the sum of 141.63 dol.

That there is due to adjutant Christian Ferbiger, and lieut. Archibald Steel, to be paid to the latter, for 2 months extraordinary pay to Ferbiger, at 18 1-3 36.60 dollars.

For 2 months ditto to Steel as lieutenant, at 18. 36 dol.

For 8 months 22 days to ditto as adjutant, from 9th November to 1st August, 1776, at 18. 1-3 160.10 dollars.

the whole amounting to 232.70 dollars.

That there is due to John Dunlap for 97 reams of cartridge paper, sent to Ticonderoga, 323.30 dollars.

To Alexander Rutherford, for 100 bayonet scabbards, supplied capt. R. Faskner of the 5th Virginia regiment, 40 dollars.

To capt. Hendrick Smock, for expences of a guard and prisoners from head-quarters, New-Jersey, to Philadelphia, 44.18 dollars.

To Rene. O. H. de Rouville, a Canadian prisoner, for his allowance from 16th January to 13th July last, 25, 5-7 weeks, at 2 dollars a week, 51.38 dollars.

For his servant's allowance, 25 5-7 34.25 dollars.

amounting to 85.63 dollars.

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

Upon application of the delegates of Delaware,

Resolved, That 120 dollars be advanced to capt. John Woodgate of col. Patterson's battalion, he to account for the same with the pay-master of the said battalion.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the petition of col. M. Hazen, whereupon

Resolved, That the sum of 966 2-3 dollars be paid to col. Moses Hazen for his farming, smith's and potash, carpenter's, joiner's, cooper's and stave-maker's tools, and for anchors and cables said to be taken by, and appropriated to the use of, the army under general Montgomery.

That the regiment under the command of the said col. Hazen remain on the original establishment thereof, and be recruited to its full complement in any of the Thirteen United States; as it was upon these terms he entered into the service, and the said regiment cannot be said to belong to any particular state, nor to be any additional expence in the mode of officering the same.

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The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *October* 24, 1776.

A petition from William Moore, and one from William Rigg, were preſented to Congreſs and read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the marine committee, and that the ſaid committee furniſh the petitioners with ſubſiſtance during their reſidence in Philadelphia.

Application being made in behalf of Samuel Horlock and —— Livingſton, eſqrs for leave to go to Boſton, and from thence back to New-York,

Reſolved, That leave be granted them upon their giving parole.

Reſolved, That an order for 133 1-3 dollars be drawn on the treaſurer, in favor of R. Peters, eſq; ſecretary to the board of war, to pay for a light waggon purchaſed for the uſe of the Congreſs, and that he be impowered to purchaſe another light waggon.

Reſolved, That 500 dollars be advanced to the committee appointed to contract with and ſend an active wharf-builder, and proper aſſiſtants, to general Waſhington, for the uſe of the ſaid wharf-builders.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to order the Virginia battalions to march to Trenton, and there halt till farther orders.

A repreſentation from the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania to the board of war, was laid before Congreſs and read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

A memorial from David Franks was laid before Congreſs and read, deſiring leave for himſelf and Patrick Rice, his clerk, to go to New-York, in order to lay his receipts and vouchers, for the proviſions furniſhed to the Britiſh priſoners, before the commiſſary general, and obtain certificates to be preſented to, and ſigned by, the general of the Britiſh forces, without which he cannot be reimburſed.

Reſolved, That leave be granted them, upon their giving parole not to give any intelligence to the enemy, and that they will return to this city.

A petition of Benjamin Eyre was read,

Ordered, That it be referred to a committee of three,

The members choſen, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Payne, and Mr. F. L. Lee.

A petition from capt. Anſtruther, a priſoner, and one from Simon Carbolais, were read;

Reſolved, That they be rejected.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That 5000 dollars be advanced to E. Blaine, Esq; for the use of his battalion, raised on the western frontiers of Pennsylvania, he to be accountable.

The several matters to this day referred, being postponed, Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *October* 25, 1776.

A letter of the 21st from R. H. Harrison, was read; also a certificate from brigadiers general H. Mercer, and P. Dickinson, in favour of the rev. John Nevelling, who officiated as chaplain to 9 battalions, of New-Jersey,

Ordered, That the certificate be referred to the board of treasury; and that they enquire how long Mr. Nevelling officiated as mentioned in the said certificate, and allow him for his services at the rate of 50 dollars a month;

A petition from Alice Brazier and daughter, Hannah Haynes, and Elizabeth Bouve, was presented to Congress and read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of treasury.

Resolved, That 3000 dollars be advanced to col. Moses Hazen, towards inlisting his battalion, he to be accountable.

A letter of the 20th from P. Zabriskie and J. Morgan was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of treasury.

A memorial from M. Irwin was presented to Congress and read;

Ordered, That it be referred to a committee of three, and that they confer with the council of safety of Pennsylvania respecting the same, and report thereon to Congress:

The members chosen, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Whipple, and Mr. Hart.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due to Robert Chase, late commander of the Gaspe ship of war, for his allowance (from 1st March to 24th October, 1776 inclusive) 34 weeks, at 2 dollars, 68 dollars.

That they have examined an account exhibited by capt. Robert Claggage, for sundry articles charged to him, which he prays an allowance of, and that he ought to be credited for the following sums charged in the Bedford county accounts, viz.

Drilling for haversacks, account no. 1.	6	5	10
Part of articles charged in account no. 31.	1	13	6
Cash paid Bernard Dougherty —	0	15	0
An overcharge in a rifle, bought of William Peeble — — — — —	0	10	0

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A charge of Abraham Cable, esq; in additional ccount no. 2. — — —	3	7	4
Repairing arms charged in col. Irvine's account, per vouchers, no. 7 and 8. —	9	2	5
Occasional expences which he paid for his company on their march from Bedford to Boston, — — — — —	9	7	9
The whole amounting to 82.82 dollars.	31	1	10

That there is due to John Mitchel, for expences of a party of light horse going with money from Philadelphia to Ticonderoga, a ballance of 32l. 16s. 6d. and for coach-hire, expences, &c. for himself and Mr. Dunlap, as a guard with gen. Prescot and brig. M'Donald, and their two servants to New-York to be exchanged, 78l. 18s. 6d. both sums amounting to 109l. 15s. equal to 292.60 dollars:

That there should be advanced to Mr. Hodgkin and Mr. Crowstedt, two midshipmen taken prisoners, three weeks allowance each, at 2 dollars, 12 dollars:

That there is due to Roger Sherman, esq; for the expences of the committee appointed to enquire into the state of the army at New-York, and two servants, 76.71 dollars, to be paid to Elbridge Gerry, esq;

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

Resolved, That two months pay be advanced to lieut. David Zigler, who was wounded and is come to Philadelphia for the purpose of perfecting his cure.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the several assemblies and conventions of the United States forthwith to import, or otherwise procure, full supplies of fire arms, bayonets, brass or other field pieces, powder, lead, flints, medicines, intrenching tools, tent cloth, blankets and other cloathing, for such of their militia as are deficient therein, and to send to the board of war and ordinance a copy of their resolutions for this purpose, that the same may be laid before Congress.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *October* 28, 1776.

Resolved, That 1000 dollars be advanced to the committee appointed to engage wharf-builders, for the use of the workmen engaged, and that they render an account of the expenditure.

A letter of the 17th from general Schuyler was read, together with the report of a court of inquiry appointed to discover what stores were on board the enemy's fleet taken in the river St. Lawrence;

Ordered, That the report be referred to the board of treaſury.

A letter of the 6th from brigadier Andrew Lewis, was read, and referred to the board of war.

A petition of William Savage, Thomas Corbett, and John Scott, in behalf of William Wilſon, together with ſundry papers therein referred to, was read, and referred to the marine committee.

A letter of the 16th from the convention of New-York, and a letter from Thomas Cuſhing, dated in Auguſt, were read;

Ordered, That the laſt be referred to the committee for indian affairs.

Reſolved, That monſ. de Boys, upon reſigning his commiſſion, have leave to return to Martinico.

Congreſs being informed that certain perſons were buſy in monopolizing and engroſſing the articles neceſſary for the army, with a view to enhance their price, and prevent the army from being ſupplied;

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to enquire into this matter, and report thereon to Congreſs:

The members choſen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Gerry, and Mr. Rutledge.

The committee to whom the memorial of Matthew Irwin was referred, reported that they have conferred with the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania, who ſay they have ſome ſalt (the quantity they cannot aſcertain) which they are willing to ſell for the uſe of the army:

Ordered, That the ſaid committee apply to the council of ſafety, and requeſt them to ſell to Mr. M. Irwin, for the uſe of the army, as much ſalt as they can poſſibly ſpare.

The marine committee brought in a report, which was read; whereupon

Reſolved, That the marine committee be impowered to employ ſuch perſons as they ſhall think proper to execute the buſineſs entruſted to them, and report their names to Congreſs:

That the farther conſideration of the report be poſtponed till to-morrow.

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due,

To Thomas Dunahoo, a canadian priſoner, for his allowance from the 13th of July to the 25th of October inſt. 15 weeks at 1.30 dollars a week, 20 dollars:

To capt. William Brady, of the late col. Stevenſon's battalion, for 12 rifles purchaſed by him for the uſe of his company, 177 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

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The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *October* 29, 1776.

Congreſs being informed that Tim. Dod, an expreſs from Boſton, who was entruſted with diſpatches from general Waſhington, has had them ſtolen from him at Briſtol in this ſtate;

Reſolved, That a committee of two be appointed, with powers to make every neceſſary inquiry, and to take every ſtep they think proper for the recovery of the ſaid diſpatches, and the diſcovery of the perſon or perſons by whom the ſaid papers were ſtolen: that if they have good reaſon to ſuſpect any perſon or perſons, they immediately ſecure them till the farther order of Congreſs, and return their names, with the cauſes of ſuſpicion, to this houſe: that they diſpoſe of the continental priſoners at Briſtol in ſuch manner as they ſhall think beſt:

That all civil officers be requeſted, and all continental military officers be ordered, to afford every aſſiſtance that may be required by the ſaid committee:

The members choſen, Mr. Wilſon and Mr. Hopkinſon.

Reſolved, That col. Cadwalader and col. Bayard be requeſted to accompany the ſaid committee to Briſtol.

Reſolved, That 40,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. J. Meaſe, for the public ſervice, he to be accountable:

That 6000 dollars be advanced to col. Buckner, of the 6th virginia battalion, for the uſe of the ſaid battalion, he to be accountable.

Reſolved, That Charles Hughes have leave to go the Weſt-Indies in the ſchooner Thiſtle.

A letter from Mr. Bache was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members choſen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Livingſton.

Whereas the fortifying the entrance of the river of cape Fear, in the ſtate of North-Carolina, will tend greatly to the advantage and ſecurity of that ſtate, by furniſhing a ſafe harbour for foreigners and excluding the enemy's ſhips:

Reſolved therefore, That it be recommended to the convention of the ſtate of North-Carolina to fortify and ſecure, at the expence of their ſtate, the entrance of the ſaid river, by erecting batteries and other works of defence; by placing obſtructions in proper parts of the ſaid river, and purſuing ſuch other meaſures as in their opinion will beſt conduce to prevent the introduction of the enemy's ſhips, and protect the trade of the ſaid ſtate: and in caſe heavy cannon

cannon cannot be procured in the ſtate of North-Carolina, it is further recommended to the ſaid convention to apply to the ſtate of South-Carolina, requeſting the loan of ſuch cannon as they can ſpare from their own neceſſities, who it is not doubted will contribute, as far as it may be in their power, to accompliſh a purpoſe which will be of general utility to the ſouthern ſtates.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the report of the marine committee, whereupon

Reſolved, That no private ſhips or veſſels of war, merchant ſhips, or other veſſels belonging to the ſubjects of theſe ſtates, be permitted to wear pendants, when in company with continental ſhips or veſſels of war, without leave from the commanding officer thereof:

That if any merchant ſhip or veſſel ſhall wear pendants in company with continental ſhips or veſſels of war, without leave firſt obtained from the commander thereof, ſuch commander be authoriſed to take away the pendants from the offender:

That if private ſhips or veſſels of war refuſe to pay the reſpect due to the continental ſhips or veſſels of war, the captain or commander ſo refuſing ſhall loſe his commiſſion.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of the report be poſtponed till to-morrow.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *October* 30, 1776.

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due,

To Mr. Allen, for his expences while detained here for the purpoſe of taking charge of money for Virginia, the ſum of 17.20 dollars:

That a farther ſum of 77.46 dollars be paid to Mr. Fairlamb, which will be the ballance due to him on his account as it now ſtands, excluſive of his requeſt for a farther allowance on the ration ſtipulated in his contract, and of 27 cords of wood not allowed for want of vouchers:

Ordered, That the above accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 30 dollars be paid to captain Moore, to enable him to proceed to Europe.

A letter of this day from col. M. Hazen was read;

Alſo a petition from Andrew Stalker, late commander of the brig Three Friends, praying for leave to depart the States of America, and re-viſit his native country;

Reſolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A petition from John Tillman was read.

A letter of the 25th from gov. Livingſton was read and referred to Dr. Ruſh, Mr. Roſs and Mr. Lynch. *Reſolved*,

Resolved, That 2000 dollars be advanced to col. Scott, of the 5th virginia battalion, for the use of the said battalion, he to be accountable:

That 2000 dollars be advanced to col. Hausseger, of the german battalion, for the use of the said battalion, he to be accountable.

The board of war having recommended Jacob Myle to be quarter-master, and Eberhart Michael paymaster to the german battalion;

Resolved, That they be accepted, and commissions granted to them accordingly.

Mr. Duche having by a letter to the president acknowledged his obligation for the kind manner in which Congress have expressed their approbation of his service, and requested, as he accepted their appointment from motives perfectly disinterested, that the 150 dollars voted to him may be applied to the relief of the widows and children of such of the pennsylvania officers as have fallen in battle in the service of their country;

Resolved, That the money be deposited with the council of safety of Pennsylvania, to be applied agreeable to the request of Mr. Duche.

A memorial from Robert Jewell was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee on gov. Livingston's letter.

Resolved, That 133.20 dollars be advanced to Evans and Stretch, the commanding officers of the guard going with money and cloathing for the northern army; they to be accountable.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To monsr. Pierre Gamelin, a prisoner from Canada, for his allowance from the 26th of March to the 28th of October inclusive, being 31 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 62 dol.

To Marcus Lucullus Ryal, a prisoner, for his allowance from the 22d of August to the 24th of October inclusive, 9 weeks at 2 dollars, 18 dollars.

To lieut. Jacob Schalch, a prisoner, for his allowance from the 19th of July to the 25th of October inclusive, 14 weeks at 2 dollars, 28 dollars.

To doctor James Gill, a prisoner, for his allowance from the 19th of July to the 25th of October inclusive, 14 weeks at 2 dollars, 28 dollars.

To lieut. Simon Evans, a prisoner, for his allowance from the 23d of August to the 18th of October inclusive, 8 weeks at 2 dollars, 16 dollars.

To Pelatiah Webster, for 200lb. of rhubarb 600 dollars.

To Alexander Middleton, of the 5th Virginia battalion, for

for his account of medicines, board, nurſery and neceſſaries for the ſick of the ſaid battalion, 86.60 dollars.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The committee to whom was referred the reſolution of the convention of Maryland, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That the preſident write to the convention of Maryland, and inform them that their reſolutions relative to their paying ten dollars in lieu of the 100 acres of land determined by Congreſs to be given to ſuch non-commiſſioned officers and ſoldiers as ſhall inliſt to ſerve during the war, will, in the opinion of this houſe, if carried into execution, prove extremely detrimental to theſe ſtates, as it will, in all probability, induce ſuch ſoldiers as are to compoſe the remainder of the levies, to require an equal ſum from the United States, and by refuſing to inliſt till their demands ſhall be complied with, compel the Congreſs to the immediate payment of an additional bounty, far beyond what is reaſonable:

That this houſe, being ſatisfied with the propriety of offering land to the ſoldiery, as an inducement to inliſt in the ſervice, cannot reſcind the ſaid reſolution; and are of opinion, that the faith which this houſe, by virtue of the power with which they were veſted, have plighted, muſt be obligatory upon their conſtituents; that no one ſtate can by its own act be releaſed therefrom, and that the intereſt of the United States would be deeply and injuriouſly affected ſhould the Congreſs, at this time, conſent to a compromiſe between any ſtate and the forces to be by them raiſed:

That the ſaid convention by their ſaid reſolution ſeem to apprehend that their ſtate would be obliged, in their individual capacity, to make good the bounty of land hereafter to be given to the ſoldiery; whereas it was the intention of Congreſs to provide the ſaid land at the expence of the United States:

That the ſaid convention be requeſted to re-conſider the ſaid reſolutions, and to give to their commiſſioners appointed to repair to the camp, ſuch inſtructions as will enable them to carry into execution the views of Congreſs: that the ſaid convention be informed that the paymaſter general has been furniſhed with a ſum of money for the purpoſe of paying the bounty of twenty dollars ordered by Congreſs to ſuch ſoldiers as ſhall inliſt to ſerve the United States during the war.

Congreſs reſumed the report of the marine committee; whereupon

Reſolved, That the rank of officers of marines be the ſame as officers of ſimilar commiſſions in the land ſervice:

That

That the commanders, officers, ſeamen and marines, in the continental navy, be entitled to one half of merchant men, tranſports, and ſtore ſhips by them taken from and after the firſt day of November 1776, to be divided among them in the ſhares and proportions fixed by former reſolutions of Congreſs:

That the commanders, officers, ſeamen and marines in the continental navy be entitled to the whole value of all ſhips and veſſels of war belonging to the crown of Great-Britain, by them made prize of, and all privateers authoriſed by his britannic majeſty to war againſt theſe ſtates, to be divided as aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That the part of the report relative to the rank and pay of naval officers be referred to a committee of three:

The members choſen, Mr. Morris, Mr. Whipple, and Mr. R. H. Lee.

Reſolved, That the remainder of the report be re-committed.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *October* 31, 1776.

A letter of the 28th from gen. Green was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee of intelligence.

Reſolved, That 2000 dollars be advanced to col. Zebulon Butler, for the uſe of the two companies raiſed in the town of Weſtmoreland; he to be accountable:

That leave be granted to col. Z. Butler, or his agent, to purchaſe of the ſalt belonging to the continent, 50 buſhels, for the uſe of the continental troops raiſed in Weſtmoreland.

A letter of the 29th from R. Harriſon, the general's ſecretary, was read.

The committee appointed to make ſtrict inquiry reſpecting ſome late diſpatches from head quarters, ſaid to have been loſt on Monday laſt at Briſtol, reported;

That they have purſued every probable method, that might lead to a diſcovery of the ſaid diſpatches, without effect; that they have ſtrictly and carefully examined every perſon who could be ſuppoſed to have any knowledge of the circumſtances, related by the expreſs, charged with the ſaid diſpatches, reſpecting his loſs, but can diſcover no traces of the robbery or ſtealth; that the ſaid expreſs does not give ſo clear and ſatisfactory an account of this matter as fully to exculpate himſelf, in the opinion of the committee; and that they have therefore brought him back

back in order to submit him to the further examination of Congress; whereupon

Resolved, That Timothy Dod, who had charge of the dispatches from general Washington, and alledges he lost them at Bristol, be committed to the custody of R. Jewell, keeper of the public prison, to be safely kept till farther orders of Congress:

That Mr. Jewell be directed to keep Timothy Dod in his own apartments and family; and not to permit any of the prisoners, nor any person, except those of his own family, to converse with him, 'till farther orders.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare an effectual plan for suppressing the internal enemies of America, and preventing a communication of intelligence to our other enemies:

The members chosen, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Wythe, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Wilson, and Mr Ross.

Ordered, That the board of war remove the prisoners from Bristol, and the public post roads, to some convenient places back in the country:

That they have a sufficient guard kept at the public prisons, and over the continental stores in and near Philadelphia.

Whereas it has been represented to Congress, that sundry inhabitants of these United States, to keep supplies from the army, or promote their own interest, have purchased considerable quantities of cloathing, and refuse to dispose of the same, unless upon extravagant or unreasonable terms;

Resolved, That it be recommended to the assemblies, conventions, councils, or committees of safety of the several states, forthwith to take suitable measures for obtaining for the use of the army, such necessary articles, as being thus engrossed in their respective states, cannot be otherwise immediately procured; allowing to the owners reasonable prices for the same; and that laws be provided in each of the states, for effectually preventing monopolies of necessaries for the army, or for the inhabitants of the same.

Ordered, That the committee to whom Mr. Bache's letter was referred, report, as soon as possible, ways and means of establishing expresses, and conveying intelligence to and from the army with safety and dispatch.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY,

FRIDAY, *November* 1, 1776.

Resolved, That 3000 dollars be paid to Acklam Bonfield, or order, and charged to the account of J. Trumbull, esq; deputy paymaster general in the northern department; the same being in full of a draught in his favour by the said J. Trumbull, dated at Albany, the 15th of October, 1776.

The board of war brought in a report which was taken into consideration; whereupon

Resolved, That commissions be granted to fill up the vacancies in the 4th, 5th, and 6th virginia battalions, agreeable to the list given in to the board of war by general Stephen.

Resolved, That 3000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of Georgia, for the use of that state; the said delegates to be accountable.

A petition from sundry ship-joiners was read:

Ordered, That it be referred to the marine committee.

Ordered, That the board of war direct four companies of the virginia battalion on the eastern shore to march, under the command of a field officer, to Dover in Delaware government, and there remain till farther orders.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the ways and means of supplying the treasury; whereupon

Resolved, That a sum of money be raised by way of lottery for defraying the expences of the next campaign, the lottery to be drawn in Philadelphia.

Ordered, That the committee who brought in the report prepare the plan of a lottery, fix the number of managers, and the security by them to be given, &c. and report to Congress.

Resolved, That the farther consideration of the report be postponed till to-morrow.

Ordered, That the board of treasury lay before Congress, once every week, an account of what part of the last emission of money remains unexpended.

Ordered, That the board of war supply the delegates of Georgia, for the use of that state, with a quantity of military stores, first informing Congress of the quantity applied for.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *November* 2, 1776.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the ways and means of supplying the treasury; whereupon

Resolved, That the board of treasury be directed to prepare all the necessary materials, and to have ready for a new emission, five millions of dollars, to be issued when Congress shall direct:

That 500,000 dollars be speedily issued, in small bills of two thirds, one third, one sixth, and one ninth of a dollar.

A petition of John Bates was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee who contracted with him.

Resolved, That 3000 dollars be advanced to col. Moses Hazen, for recruiting his regiment, he to be accountable.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due,

To Isaac Dennis, to be paid to Francis Lewis, esq; for dieting 80 men, and oats, &c. for horses of capt. Thomas Price's company in New-York government, 13.67 dollars:

To Bartholomew Vankeer, for his pay as brigade major, from the 20th of June to the 20th of October, 4 months, at 33 dollars per month, 132 dollars:

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

The committee to whom governor Livingston's letter was referred brought in a report which was read:

Ordered to lie on the table.

Resolved, That Congress will on Monday next, consider the application for employing monsr. Roche de Fermoy in the continental service.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *November* 4, 1776.

Matthew Thornton, esq; a delegate from New-Hampshire, attended and produced his credentials, which were read as follows:

"State of New-Hampshire. In the house of represen-
"tatives; September 12th, 1776. Voted, That the honor-
"able Matthew Thornton, esq. be and hereby is appointed
"a delegate to represent this state at the continental Con-
"gress for one year next ensuing.

"Sent up for concurrence. P. WHITE, Speaker.

"In council, eodem die, read and concurred,

"E. Thompson, secretary.

"A copy examined by E. Thompson, secretary."

Two letters of the 25th of October and 1st of November from R. H. Harrison; one from R. Stockton, esq; and G. Clymer, esq; of the 26th of October; one of the 23d from general Schuyler, at Saratoga, were laid before Congress and read;

Ordered, That they be referred to the board of war.

A letter

A letter of the 19th of October, from G. Maſon, chairman of the committee of Fairfax county in Virginia, incloſing a reſolution of the council of Virginia, was read and referred to the board of war.

Whereas it is manifeſt, that unleſs effectual meaſures are immediately taken for reinliſting the army, the ſafety of the ſtates may be greatly endangered;

Reſolved, That the preſident write to the commander in chief, and inform him that, if upon receipt of this reſolution, commiſſioners from the reſpective ſtates for the purpoſe of appointing officers ſhall not have arrived, he is then, after conſulting and adviſing with ſuch of his generals as he can conveniently call together, immediately to grant warrants to ſuch of the officers from the reſpective ſtates, which have not commiſſioners preſent authoriſed as aforeſaid, as he ſhall think deſerving of commiſſions:

That the officers ſo to be appointed, proceed with the utmoſt expedition to recruit their regiments to their full complement:

That commiſſions be ſent to general Waſhington as ſoon as poſſible, to be given to ſuch officers as he ſhall appoint by warrant, in conſequence of the foregoing reſolution:

That the commander in chief be deſired to take ſuch ſteps as he ſhall think moſt proper for continuing the militia now in camp; that, for this purpoſe, he write to ſuch of the ſtates as now have militia in the government of New-York, requeſting their aſſiſtance in this buſineſs; and that he be further deſired to apply to the neighbouring ſtates for ſuch additional aid as he may require:

That a letter to the ſame import be written to general Schuyler.

The committee to whom the letter from T. Cuſhing was referred, brought in a report, which was read.

It being repreſented that ſome of the marines in the barracks are ſick;

Reſolved, That doctor Ruſh be deſired to take them under his care, and ſee that they be properly provided for.

Reſolved, That Mr. Hooper be added to the committee to whom Mr. Bache's letter was referred, and that the ſaid committee be directed to meet on that buſineſs this evening at this place.

Reſolved, That the waggon-maſter general be directed to take charge of the horſes belonging to the continent, and prepare them for ſervice as ſoon as poſſible.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, *November* 5, 1776.

Benjamin Harrison, esq; a delegate from Virginia attended and produced the credentials of his appointment, which were read as follows;

"Virginia. In the house of delegates, Thursday October 10, 1776. The house according to the order of the day, proceeded by ballot to the appointment of a delegate to represent this state in general Congress, in the room of Thomas Jefferson esq; and the members having prepared tickets for the person to be appointed, and put the same into a box, a committee was appointed to examine the same; who reported that they had met a committee from the senate in the conference room, and had jointly with them examined the ballot boxes, and that the numbers appeared as follows; for Benjamin Harrison, esq; 69, Merewether Smith, esq; 5.

"*Resolved* therefore, That the said Benjamin Harrison be appointed a delegate to represent this state in general Congress.

"*Resolved* unanimously, That the thanks of this house are justly due to the said Benjamin Harrison, for the diligence, ability and integrity with which he executed the important trust reposed in him as one of the delegates from this country in the general Congress.

"A copy. John Tazewell, clk of the house of delegates."

Resolved, That Mr. Harrison be added to the board of war, and that he be continued in all those standing committees of which he was a member when he left Congress.

A letter of the 31st October from R. H. Harrison was read.

The board of treasury brought in a report, which was taken into consideration; whereupon

Resolved, That all accounts for services done, or articles supplied the northern army, be presented to the commissioners for settling accounts, and so much thereof as is approved by them, and confirmed by the general, be paid by his warrants on the paymaster, after the commissioners have certified thereon that the accounts and vouchers are returned to them by the persons receiving such warrants:

That all warrants of the general on the paymaster for services to be performed, or articles to be supplied, be sent by the paymaster to the office, and entered in the books of the commissioners: after which the said commissioners shall, as soon as they shall judge expedient, call to account the persons receiving such advances; and having settled the said accounts, they shall be filed in their office:

That where any ballance appears to be due to the United States from persons whose accounts are adjusted as aforesaid,

ſaid, they ſhall be received by the commiſſioners and delivered to the paymaſter, whoſe receipts therefor ſhall be tranſmitted to the treaſury:

That the commiſſioners be impowered to adminiſter oaths or affirmations to perſons examined by them in the execution of their office:

That the general's and paymaſter's accounts be ſent to the treaſury-office by the commiſſioners, together with the pay-rolls and accounts diſcharged by the ſame, upon their adjuſting the accounts of the northern army to the end of the preſent campaign.

Reſolved, That the commiſſioners appointed to ſettle the accounts of the army near New-York, be directed to govern their conduct agreeable to the foregoing reſolutions.

Reſolved, That the following inſtructions be given to the commiſſioners of the northern army:—

1. That in adjuſting the accounts of perſons, whoſe particular circumſtances may have rendered them unable to procure vouchers, or that on the retreat of the army have loſt the ſame, the commiſſioners endeavour to obtain the beſt information from the general officers or other perſons in that department, and uſe a diſcretionary power in adminiſtering oaths or affirmations for this purpoſe.

2. That, there not having been a muſter-maſter in the northern army during the laſt and preſent campaign, the commiſſioners particularly attend to the pay-rolls that ſhall be produced as vouchers by the paymaſter, and ſhould any faults appear report them to the general, that the ſame may be thoroughly inveſtigated.

3. That in other inſtances, the commiſſioners do not interfere with the muſter or pay-rolls, unleſs in particular caſes it ſhall be judged expedient by the general and themſelves.

4. That the commiſſioners do not concern themſelves in diſputes about back rations or allowances for vegetables ſaid to be due to ſome officers and ſoldiers, but leave them with the commiſſary, whoſe buſineſs it is to regulate ſuch diſputes.

5. That where any perſon has done the duty of a deputy or aſſiſtant commiſſary by deſire of a general officer, or the commiſſary or deputy commiſſary generals, he be allowed for his ſervices, although he has not received a commiſſion for that purpoſe.

6. That demands for defending the frontiers of any of the ſtates, if on account of troops not raiſed by order of Congreſs, be not conſidered by the commiſſioners.

7. That the commiſſioners certify to the general the accounts to be paid in ſpecie, that if the military cheſt is ſupplied, the general may iſſue his warrants accordingly.

That

8. That the commiſſioners ſend to the ſtate of New-Jerſey, and to the ſtates to the eaſtward thereof, for their accounts againſt the northern army, if ſuch accounts are not forwarded agreeable to a circular letter from the treaſury board to the ſaid ſtates.

Reſolved, That the preſident write to governor Livingſton, and requeſt him to ſend two companies of militia to guard the ſalt works near Tom's river, and one company to be ſtationed at or near Shrewſbury, to intercept and put a ſtop to the intelligence ſaid to be carrying on between the tories and lord Howe's fleet: that the companies conſiſt of 50 men each.

A petition from Joſeph Traverſes was preſented to Congreſs and read; whereupon

Reſolved, That 100 dollars be advanced to the ſaid Joſeph Traverſes; to be accounted for by him on the ſettlement of his account.

The committee to whom the letter from Richard Bache, comptroller of the poſt-office, was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That for obtaining early and frequent intelligence from the camps at White Plains and Ticonderoga, or ſuch other places as the armies now or lately there may march, or have marched to, and forwarding diſpatches to the commanding officers with the like expedition, the poſt-maſter general do immediately employ ſo many more riders, between Philadelphia and head quarters of theſe armies, as he ſhall judge will moſt effectually perform that very important, and at this time more eſpecially, neceſſary ſervice; and that he endeavour to the utmoſt of his power to procure ſober, diligent and truſty perſons to undertake it; and guard, in the beſt manner he is able, againſt robberies of the mails or loſſes of their contents otherwiſe:

That all ferry keepers be enjoined, as much as they are able, to expedite the paſſage of poſt-riders and other perſons charged with letters, diſpatches, or meſſages from or to Congreſs; and that it be recommended to the ſeveral legiſlatures of the United States to enforce the obſervance of this reſolution:

That expreſſes and ſpecial meſſengers employed in the public ſervice, taking and carrying private letters or packets, ought not to receive the wages they would otherwiſe be entitled to:

That the deputy poſt-maſter at head quarters be allowed four rations every day out of the public ſtores there, for the ſubſiſtance of himſelf, his riders and ſervant.

Congreſs took into conſideration the caſe of the chevalier Roche de Fermoy; whereupon *Reſolved*,

Resolved, That the chevalier Matthias Alexis Roche de Fermoy be appointed a brigadier general in the army of the United States.

The committee to whom were referred the petition and accounts of Benjamin Eyre, brought in a report, which was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of treasury.

A petition from Jeremiah Cady was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the commissioners appointed to audit and settle the accounts of the northern army, and that they report specially thereon.

Certain resolutions of the convention of the state of New-York were laid before Congress and read;

Ordered, That they be referred to a committee of three: The members chosen, Mr. Hopkinson, Mr. Whipple, and Mr. Hart.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *November* 6, 1776.

A letter of the 3d from R. H. Harrison, inclosing one of the 2d from brigadier general Parsons; one of the 30th of October from general Schuyler at Saratoga, inclosing a copy of instructions to officers appointed to recruit for the service of the United States; one of the 31st of October from J. Trumbull, deputy paymaster general; and one of the same date from governor Trumbull, inclosing a resolve of the General Assembly of Connecticut, appointing John Lawrence, esq; of Hartford, commissioner to superintend the loan-office in that state, were read:

Ordered, That the letter from general Schuyler, and that from Mr. Harrison, with the letter inclosed, be referred to the board of war:

That the letter from governor Trumbull and that from J. Trumbull, paymaster; also the letter of the 29th of August from general Schuyler, together with the memorial from colonel Brown, and the officers certificate inclosed therein, be referred to the board of treasury.

The committee of treasury brought in a report, which was taken into consideration: whereupon

Resolved, That the report of a court of enquiry, appointed by general Schuyler, and held at Albany, the 5th of October, in consequence of a resolution of Congress of the 30th of July last, confirming general Montgomery's promise "to give to the troops concerned in taking the vessels on the Sorel all the public stores, except ammunition and provisions, on board thereof," be referred to the commissioners

commiſſioners for adjuſting the accounts of the northern army; that they be directed to make ſtrict enquiry into the matter, and inform themſelves by the evidence of perſons who ſerved at that time as quarter-maſter and commiſſary of ſtores in the ſaid army, and of any others, what part, or whether all the ſtores mentioned in the report were taken for the public ſervice: that they allow to the officers and men which they ſhall find entitled thereto, the amount of ſo many of the ſtores as ſhall appear to have been taken for the army as aforeſaid, and have not been paid for, after deducting therefrom ſuch reaſonable expences as have accrued to any of the captors in obtaining an adjuſtment of the prize-money, and ordering the amount of ſuch articles of the prize-goods as the ſaid captors have received and were not given to them as bounties, to be deducted from their reſpective proportions: that the pay-maſter be directed, upon receiving general Schuyler's warrant for payment of the ſame, to proportion it among ſuch officers and men as the general and commiſſioners ſhall direct, agreeably to the pay allowed by the eſtabliſhment at that time, without any regard to rations.

The marine committee brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration, whereupon

Reſolved, That three perſons well ſkilled in maritime affairs, be immediately appointed to execute the buſineſs of the navy under the direction of the marine committee.

The remainder of the report at the requeſt of a colony was poſtponed till to-morrow.

Ordered, That commiſſions be delivered to the captains and ſubalterns of the 6th virginia battalion, and the dates be filled up by general Stephen.

Reſolved, That 4000 dollars be advanced to colonel Lawſon of the 4th virginia battalion, for the payment of the ſaid battalion, he to be accountable; and that the money be paid into the hands of Thomas Gaſkins.

Two bills were preſented to Congreſs, one drawn by general Lee for 64 dollars, dated Peterſburg, 28th September, 1776, the other of the ſame date, by Jacob Morris, aid-de-camp to general Lee, for 150 dollars, both in favour of John Banniſter, and drawn upon William Palfrey, eſq; paymaſter-general at Philadelphia.

Ordered, That they be paid, and charged to the account of general Lee.

Reſolved, That Wyllie Jones, eſq; of Halifax, Robert Smith, eſq; of Edenton, and Alexander Telfer, eſq; of Halifax, or any two of them, be appointed to audit and ſettle the continental accounts in Virginia.

The

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due,

To Benjamin Wallace, and to be paid to Charles Riſk, for victualling 45 men of the flying camp, 4.45 dollars:

To Francis Hopkinſon, eſq; for his and J. Wilſon, eſq; expences, &c. at Briſtol to make inquiry reſpecting diſpatches ſent from head quarters and loſt by the expreſs, 25.60 dollars:

To Sebaſtian Miller, for the hire of a waggon with money from Philadelphia to Boſton, 65.30 dollars:

To John Gibſon, eſq; auditor general, for half a years ſalary due the 9th of October laſt, 533.30 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The ſhip lady Catharine, George Ord, maſter, which was ſent out laſt winter, being returned;

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be impowered and directed to ſettle the accounts of the voyage, and report in what manner the cargo imported is to be diſpoſed of.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *November* 7, 1776.

A petition from John Connolly was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee appointed to examine into the ſtate of priſoners in the public goal of Philadelphia.

Whereas the late major general Ward, ſince his reſignation of his truſt, has continued in command in the eaſtern department at the requeſt of the commander in chief, and ſtill continues therein at the requeſt of Congreſs, it is therefore,

Ordered, That he receive the pay of a major general, commanding in a ſeparate department, from the 25th day of April laſt, being the time of his reſignation, and until a ſuitable perſon ſhall be appointed to take the command in his ſtead, or it ſhall be otherwiſe ordered by Congreſs.

Reſolved, That Richard Bache be appointed poſtmaſter general in the room of doctor Franklin, who is abſent.

An appeal having been lodged with the ſecretary againſt the ſentence paſſed in the court of admiralty, for the port of Philadelphia, in the ſtate of Pennſylvania, on the libel, "John Barry, &c. v. the ſloop Betſey, &c."

Ordered, That the hearing and determining upon the ſaid appeal be referred to a committee of five:

The members choſen, Mr. Wythe, Mr. Paine, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Hooper, and Mr. Rutledge.

The board of war brought in a report which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Resolved, 1. That 266.60 dollars be advanced to captain Francis Holland, and 133.30 dollars to captain Robert Harris, both of the Maryland flying camp, they to be respectively accountable to the council of safety of that state for the said sums, which are to be for the use of, and charged to the account of their respective companies:

2. That 1110 67 dollars be advanced to captain Alexander Lawson Smith, of the late colonel Stevenson's rifle regiment, to pay the subsistance money of, and to enable him to advance a month's pay to the said company:

3. That commissions be sent to general Schuyler, for colonel Elmore's regiment, to be filled up according to the ranks and times of service of the officers of the said regiment; the general making such arrangements therein as he shall think just and proper:

4. That commissions be also sent to general Schuyler, to be filled up with the names of the officers yet unprovided for, who have served in Canada, according to their ranks and merits, to compleat colonel Livingston's regiment:

5. That general Schuyler, agreeable to his request, have permission to repair to Congress as soon as he shall be of opinion the service will admit of his absence from his department:

6. That general Schuyler be informed that Congress have repeatedly applied to Maryland on the subject of the nantikoke indians, without having received an answer; that application shall again be made, and information given him of the result:

7. That general Schuyler be allowed to give such cloathing to the indians as he shall think can be spared for that purpose:

8. That the deputy muster-master general, in the northern department have the rank of lieutenant colonel in the army of the United States:

9. That general Washington be requested to take proper steps for trying all deserters from his army, and punishing, in the most exemplary manner the articles of war will admit, all such officers and soldiers who shall be base enough disgracefully to leave the service of their country at this time of trial and danger.

Resolved, That each of the persons to be appointed to execute the business of the navy under the direction of the marine committee, be allowed the salary of 1500 dollars per annum.

A letter from colonel Miles to William Wister, was laid before Congress and read; wherein he intimates that an exchange

exchange may be accompliſhed of him for Mr. Foxcroft, and perhaps of colonel Atlee or lieutenant colonel Piper, for Mr. Daſhwood:

Ordered, That the letter be tranſmitted to general Waſhington, and that he be deſired to do therein what he ſhall think proper.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock morrow.

FRIDAY, *November* 8, 1776.

A letter of the 4th, from R. Dallam, eſq; was read; whereupon

Reſolved, That 5000 dollars be paid to Guſtavus Riſberg, A. Q. M. general, and charged to the account of Richard Dallam, agreeably to the requeſt of the ſaid R. Dallam; and that the letter be referred to the board of treaſury.

Reſolved, That doctor Witherſpoon have leave to take with him to Princeton, Archibald Gardiner, James Henderſon, Peter Jack, and Hugh Roſs, four of the priſoners lately ſent to Philadelphia, and there to keep them till the further orders of Congreſs.

The committee appointed to deviſe means for preventing the evils to be apprehended from the internal enemies of the United States, and hindering them from carrying on correſpondence with the foreign enemies to the ſaid ſtates, brought in a report which was read:

Ordered, That the conſideration thereof be poſtponed to Monday next.

A petition from Paul Chriſtman, enſign in captain William Keyſer's company from Maryland in the german battalion, was read, praying leave to reſign his commiſſion:

Reſolved, That leave be granted.

The committee of treaſury reported,

That there ought to be advanced to colonel Valentine Crawford, one of the executors of the late colonel Hugh Stephenſon, on account of his eſtate, 100 dollars:

That there is due to the following canadian priſoners, and to be paid to captain Chartier de Lotbinier 253.30 dollars; viz.

To captain Lotbinier, for his allowance from the 2d of November, 1775, to the 31ſt of October, 1776, 52 weeks at 2 dollars, 104 dollars:

Of which he received from general Schuyler, 14.60 dol. remains to be paid to him, 89.30 dollars:

To monſieur Tonancour, for his allowance from the 2d of November, 1775, to the 31ſt of October, 1776, 52 weeks at 2 dollars, 104 dollars:

To

To monſieur Dochambault for his allowance from the 31ſt of Auguſt to the 8th of November, 10 weeks at 2 dollars, 20 dollars:

To monſieur Fleurimont for his allowance from the 31ſt of Auguſt to the 8th of November, 10 weeks at 2 dollars, 20 dollars:

To monſieur St. Ours for his allowance from the 31ſt of Auguſt to the 8th of November, 10 weeks at 2 dollars, 20 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to conſider and report under what reſtrictions the ſutlers, who ſupply the army, ſhould be laid, and that the motions made by Mr. Gerry, and ſeconded, be referred to this committee:

The members choſen, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. Wolcott.

A petition from J. Budden and T. Lawrence was read, requeſting leave to export proviſions to Turk's iſland, in order to bring from thence a load of ſalt:

Reſolved, That leave be granted.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That mynheer N. D. Ottendorf be appointed a brevet captain in the ſervice of the United States.

Reſolved, That Tueſday next be aſſigned for taking into conſideration the trade of theſe ſtates.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 2666.60 dollars be advanced to the committee appointed to contract for caſting cannon; they to be accountable.

A letter from Tench Cox, at Trenton, to John Tabor Kempe, eſq; of New-York, was laid before Congreſs, and leave requeſted to forward the ſame in order to obtain the releaſe of Mrs. Lewis, who is detained a priſoner by the enemy on Long-Iſland:

Reſolved, That this matter be referred to the board of war:

That the delegates of New-Jerſey be directed to cauſe ſtrict inquiry to be made through what channel Mr. Kempe conveyed the intelligence mentioned in the foregoing letter.

Reſolved, That 120 dollars be advanced to captain George Gibſon of the firſt virginia battalion, he to account with the paymaſter general on the ſettlement of his accounts.

A letter from James Sullivan was read and referred to the board of war.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY,

SATURDAY, *November* 9, 1776.

Reſolved, That two months pay, being 250 dollars, be advanced to brigadier general Roche de Fermoy, he to be accountable:

Ordered, That he repair to the northern army, and put himſelf under the command of general Schuyler.

A letter of the 3d from Timothy Danielſon, chairman of a committee of the General Aſſembly of Maſſachuſetts-Bay appointed to officer and inliſt ſeven battalions out of the officers and ſoldiers in the continental army near White Plains, with ſundry papers incloſed, was read:

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to a committee of three: The members choſen, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Rutledge, and Mr. Wythe.

Reſolved, That two months pay be advanced to captain Ottendorf; and that he be ordered to repair to head quarters and put himſelf under the command of general Waſhington.

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due,

To Robert Towers, commiſſary, for ſundry articles purchaſed by him by direction of the board of war, and to be charged to the account of the ſaid board, 526.74 dollars:

That 3280 dollars be advanced to captain Caſdorp, to pay the arrearages due to his company of carpenters ſent to Ticonderoga; for which he is to account:

That 50,000 dollars be ſent to Richard Dallam, eſq; deputy paymaſter general for the flying camp; he to be accountable:

Ordered, That the ſaid ſums be paid.

The committee appointed to conſider and report under what reſtrictions the ſuttlers who ſupply the army, ought to be laid, brought in a report, which was read, and after ſome debate thereon,

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration thereof be poſtponed to Monday.

Congreſs having received intelligence that a free and open communication and correſpondence is kept up with the enemy on Staten-Iſland and New-York, from Elizabethtown, Newark, and the parts adjacent, to the great detriment of the American cauſe: It is therefore recommended to the governor, council and aſſembly of the ſtate of New-Jerſey, to take the moſt ſpeedy and effectual meaſures to ſtop all communication between that ſtate and the enemy's quarters, that ſhall not be directed by proper authority.

A memorial from Lawrence Bowden, late maſter of the ſhip Royal Exchange, taken by the ſhip of war Columbus, was preſented to Congreſs and read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the marine committee.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That Congress will on Tuesday next resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the means of supporting the credit of the continental currency.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *November* 11, 1776.

A letter of the 6th from general Washington; one of the 8th from brigadier general Mercer; and one from Richard Bache, esq; were read;

Ordered, That the two former be referred to the board of war, and the latter to the board of treasury.

Resolved, That colonel James Livingston have leave to recruit his regiment in any of the United States.

A petition from Charles Noel Romand, sieur de Lisle, captain in a corps of artillery in the service of France, was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of war.

Resolved, That the board of war be impowered and directed immediately to confer with the council of safety of Pennsylvania, or a committee by them appointed, on the best ways and means of defending the city of Philadelphia, in case it should be attacked.

Resolved, That the committee of treasury or either of them be impowered to administer oaths to persons whom they shall examine or employ in executing the resolutions of Congress.

The committee to whom the letter from Timothy Danielson and the papers inclosed therein were referred brought in a report, which was read, and after debate

Resolved, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *November* 12, 1776.

A letter of the 10th from general Mifflin; one of the same date from R. Dallam; and one of the 9th from doctor Shippen, were read.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due,

To George Stulz, for iron work and repairing a continental light waggon, 12.60 dollars:

To John Tyler, for bayonet scabbards and repairing arms for the german battalion, 82.30 dollars:

To monsr. Lotbinier, a canadian chaplain, for his pay and rations from 10th of October to 10th of November, 41.30 dollars;

To

To doctor Beaumont, a priſoner, of the 26th regiment, for his allowance from 21ſt July to 3d November incluſive, being 15 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 30 dollars:

To William M'Leod, a priſoner, of the 59th regiment, for his allowance from 21ſt July to 3d November incluſive, being 15 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 30 dollars:

That there is to be paid to Daniel du Chemin, for the allowance due to Meſſ. Hertel, Giaſſon, and la Magdalaine, canadian priſoners, from the 1ſt Auguſt to 6th November incluſive, 14 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 28 dollars each, 84 dollars:

That there ſhould be paid to Joel Zane, for the allowance due to lieutenant Hamar, of the 7th regiment, from 20th July to 1ſt November incluſive, 15 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 30 dollars; and to captain Swan, of the 26th regiment, from 21ſt June to 1ſt November, being 19 weeks at 2 dollars, 38 dollars; the whole 68 dollars:

To James Budden, for himſelf and others of the light horſe, their expences as an eſcort with money to New-York, 82 dollars, and for his expences with general Preſcot from Reading to Philadelphia, 24.42 dollars; both ſums making 106.42 dollars:

To William Woodhouſe, for wafers for the uſe of Congreſs, 1.12 dollars:

To Thomas Smith, for paper for the uſe of the commiſſioners for the New-York department, 15.78 dollars:

That there ſhould be paid to doctor Ruſh, 625 dollars, for five months advance pay to brigadier general Thompſon, who is to be accountable:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The committee of treaſury to whom that part of the petition and memorial of John Brown, lieutenant colonel of the regiment commanded by colonel Elmore, praying that his extraordinary ſervices in Canada laſt year may be conſidered, was referred, brought in a report, which was read;

Ordered to lie on the table.

A letter to Willing and Morris from Samuel Smith, maſter of the Hancock and Adams, (who on his paſſage to Philadelphia was taken by the Gamecock privateer, of Rhode-Iſland, commanded by Timothy Pierce, and carried into Bedford in Maſſachuſetts-Bay) dated Bedford port, Nov. 1, was laid before Congreſs and read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the ſecret committee, and that they report the cargo on board the Hancock and Adams, and how it ought to be diſpoſed of.

The board of war, to whom a requeſt from the ſtate of Virginia was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon *Reſolved*,

Resolved, That the demands of the continent for cannon are at present of so pressing a nature, that none can be spared for the particular use of any state; but as soon as a sufficient quantity of ordnance is supplied to the United States, the request of the state of Virginia to be permitted to purchase cannon at Hughe's works shall be complied with:

That monsieur Romand de Lisle be appointed a major of artillery in the service of the United States, and sent to general Washington to be employed as he shall think proper.

A petition from James M'Connaughy was read:

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of war.

A memorial from Azariah Dunham was read:

Ordered, That it be referred to the council of safety of Pennsylvania.

A letter of the 9th from general Washington, inclosing one of the 31st of October from general Gates at Ticonderoga was read.

Congress resumed the consideration of the report of the committee on the letter of Timothy Danielson; whereupon

Resolved, As the opinion of Congress, that if the soldiers to be raised by the state of Massachusett's-Bay be inlisted on the terms offered to them, which are more advantageous than what are offered to other soldiers serving in the same army, it would much retard if not totally impede the inlistment of the latter, and produce discontent and murmur, unless Congress should equally increase the pay of these, which it is the opinion of Congress, would universally be reprobated as an immoderate expence, and complained of as a grievous burden by those who must bear it; and therefore that the committee from the state of Massachusett's-Bay, be desired not to inlist their men on the additional pay offered by the Assembly of that state.

Upon re-considering the resolution of the 16th of September last, for raising eighty-eight battalions to serve during the present war with Great-Britain, Congress being of opinion that the readiness of the inhabitants of these states to enter into the service for limited times in defence of their invaluable privileges on all former occasions, gives good ground to hope the same zeal for the public good will appear in future when necessity calls for their assistance; and least the uncertain length of time which forces raised during the continuance of the present war may be compelled to serve, may prevent men from inlisting who would otherwise

otherwiſe manifeſt their attachment to the common cauſe by engaging for a limited time; therefore

Reſolved, That all non-commiſſioned officers and ſoldiers who do not incline to engage their ſervice during the continuance of the preſent war, and ſhall inliſt to ſerve three years, unleſs ſooner diſcharged by Congreſs, ſhall be intitled to and receive all ſuch bounty and pay as are allowed to thoſe who inliſt during the continuance of the preſent war, except the one hundred acres of land; which land is to be granted to thoſe only who inliſt without ſuch limitation of time. And each recruiting officer is required to provide two diſtinct inliſting rolls, one for ſuch to ſign as inliſt during the continuance of the war, and the other for ſuch as inliſt for three years, if their ſervice ſhall be ſo long required.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *November* 13, 1776.

A letter of the 12th of October from Joſeph Trumbull, commiſſary general was read; whereupon

Reſolved, That 40000 dollars be advanced to Thomas Lowry, and charged to the account of Joſeph Trumbull, agreeable to his requeſt.

The marine committee having recommended colonel John Nixon and John Wharton, as fit perſons to execute the buſineſs of the navy under the direction of the marine committee:

Reſolved, That they be accepted.

A letter of the 10th from M. Tilghman, preſident of the convention of Maryland, incloſing ſundry reſolutions of that body, relative to the raiſing their quota of the new levies, was laid before Congreſs and read:

Ordered, That the preſident furniſh the commiſſioners of the ſaid ſtate ſent therefrom to raiſe their levies with the reſolution of yeſterday admitting the new levies to inliſt for three years only, and at the ſame time inform them that if the inhabitants of that ſtate will inliſt to ſerve during the continuance of the preſent war, they already have the faith of the United States of America pledged for the land to be granted to ſuch ſoldiers.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due,

To monſieur la Marque, a canadian priſoner, for his allowance from the 31ſt of Auguſt to the 8th of November inclusive, being 10 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 20 dollars, to be paid to monſieur de la Magdalaine:

To captain Thomas Gamble, a priſoner of the 47th regiment,

giment, for his allowance from the 10th of Auguſt to the 2d of November incluſive, 12 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 24 dollars. to be paid to James Biddle, eſq:

To Michael Leightner, and to be paid to George Aſton, for victualling troops on their march, 15.5 dollars:

To John Nourſe for ferriage of himſelf, and of general Lee and his ſervants, horſes, &c. over Hoes ferry, 4.60 dollars, to be paid to colonel B. Harriſon:

To doctor Samuel Wilſon for board, attendance, and medicine to ſick ſoldiers of the 6th virginia regiment, 33.60 dollars:

To Wollore Meng, for 12 ſcabbards delivered to captain Ralph Falconer, of the 5th virginia battalion, 4.72 dollars:

That there ſhould be paid to Thomas Armer, on account of Elizabeth Robinſon, for ſo much ſhort paid on ſettlement of her account, the 14th of October laſt for board, &c. of ſick ſoldiers belonging to captain Grier's company, 10 dollars:

That there ſhould be paid to the pennſylvania hoſpital, for the ſupport and cloathing of J. Hughes, a wounded ſoldier, 36.54 dollars:

That there ſhould be paid to Adam Eccle, 8.78 dollars, being ſo much paid by him to ſerjeant John Byers, of captain Hubley's company, in colonel Shee's battalion, to enable him to ſupport his party, being a guard to powder from Philadelphia to North-Carolina:

That there is due to William Oharra, a ſoldier in the late captain William Hendricks's company, taken at Quebec and now returned, for his pay from 1ſt January to 10th November, 10 months and 10 days, at 6.60 dollars a month, 68.80 dollars:

To Henry Taylor, a ſoldier in captain Smith's rifle company, taken at Quebec, and now returned; for his pay, from 1ſt June to 10th November, 5 months and 10 days, at 6.60 dollars, 35 50 dollars:

To doctor William Sarringhauſe, for medicine and attendance to ſick of captain Woelpper's company in the german battalion, 24.1 dollars:

To Benjamin Eyre, ſhipwright, for his pay and rations employed in conſtructing row-gallies at New-York, horſe hire, and travelling expences to Albany to engage boards, &c. for the army, 427. 77 dollars:

That 60,000 dollars be ſent to R. Dallam, eſq; deputy paymaſter general of the flying camp, for the uſe of the army:

That there is due to Daniel Naef, for the ferriage of virginia

virginia troops, their baggage, waggons and horſes over Suſquehannah, 61.72 dollars:

To Andrew M'Nair, for his attendance on Congreſs 146 days, cleaning houſe, &c. to the 1ſt of November, 118.81 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The board of treaſury brought in a report reſpecting the certificates to be given to the lenders of the five millions of dollars voted to be borrowed, which was read.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That 2000 dollars be advanced to colonel Hauſeger for the uſe of the german battalion, he to be accountable.

Reſolved, That the remainder of the report be poſtponed till to-morrow.

The ſecret committee, to whom the letter from captain Smith was referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to write letters to governor Cooke, to the continental agent in Rhode-Iſland, and ſuch other perſons as they ſhall think proper, to make ſtrict inquiry into the conduct of captain Timothy Pierce, reſpecting the capture or ſeizure of the ſhip Hancock and Adams, employed in the continental ſervice, and cauſe him to be proſecuted for the penalty of the bond given, when he received his commiſſion; if it ſhall appear on the inquiry that in juſtice to the continent ſuch proſecution ſhould be commenced: and the ſaid committee are authoriſed to do what may be neceſſary for ſupporting the proſecution.

The remainder of the report poſtponed.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *November* 14, 1776.

A letter of the 4th from R. H. Harriſon, and one of the 17th October from James Bowdoin, eſq; were read;

Ordered, That they be referred to the board of war.

Reſolved, That a committee of two be appointed to confer with the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania, and inquire what quantity of ſalt they have on hand, or expect ſhortly, and what proportion can be ſpared for the public ſervice:

The members choſen, Mr. S. Adams and Mr. Whipple.

Information being given to Congreſs that part of the enemy's fleet was ſeen coming out of the Hook and ſteering its courſe to the ſouthward;

Reſolved,

Resolved, That copies of the letter giving the information be sent by express to general Washington, and to governor Livingston of New-Jersey, and also to the southern states.

Resolved, That the board of war confer immediately with the council of safety of Pennsylvania, and co-operate with them in devising ways and means for calling forth the strength of that and the neighbouring states, for the defence of this city against any attempts which the enemy may make to obtain possession of it; and that for this purpose the board of war be invested with the full powers of Congress to promote most effectually this important purpose:

That the marine committee also be directed to make such disposition of the naval force now in the river Delaware or the neighbourhood thereof as will best conduce to defeat the designs of the enemy.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *November* 15, 1776.

A letter of the 11th from general Washington at Peekskill; one of the 5th from general Gates at Ticonderoga, informing of general Carlton's retreat from Crown Point; one of the 8th from general Schuyler at Albany; one of the 12th from general Green; one without date from general Lewis; one from Robert Ogden of the 11th; and one from R. Dallam to R. Peters; were laid before Congress and read:

Ordered, That the letter from general Lewis be referred to the marine committee.

Resolved, That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to supply E. Blaine, esq; with 230 bushels of salt for the public service: that the said council of safety be, and they are hereby requested, to supply messr. Lowry, Wharton, Ogden, and Dunham, assistants to the commissary general, or any one of them, with one half of such quantities of salt as are or may be in their hands, for the use of the continent.

Two memorials, one from Eleazer Oswald and the other from Samuel Lockwood, were read;

Ordered, That they be referred to the board of war.

Monsr. Romand de Lisle, who on the 12th was appointed a major of artillery, thinking that appointment inadequate to his merit and abilities, and requesting to be sent to general Washington, that he may have an opportunity of giving a specimen of his abilities;

Resolved, That he have leave to go to general Washington.

Ordered, That the marine committee apply to the council

til of ſafety of Pennſylvania for 1500, 24lb. 1800, 18lb. cannon ſhot, and 500 bar ſhot, which ſhall be replaced by Congreſs; and that the ſaid committee ſend the ſhot and ſix tons of powder to South-Carolina, for the defence of that ſtate and North-Carolina:

That a copy of the intelligence contained in general Green's letter of the 12th, be ſent by expreſs with all poſſible expedition to the ſouthern ſtates.

The ſecret committee having reported that the cargo, belonging to the continent, imported in the Hancock and Adams conſiſted of the following articles, viz. 72 cheſts of arms, 311 barrels of gun-powder, 338 pigs of lead, 9 caſks of gun flints, 1 caſe of pins, 133 barrels tin plates, 5 caſes of iron wire, 70 caſks ſalt petre, and 10 bales merchandize:

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee direct the intire cargo of the Hancock and Adams to be landed at Bedford, and depoſited in places of ſafety, under the care of the committee of that place, until ordered from thence:

That the muſkets, powder, lead and gun flints be delivered by the committee of Bedford to the order of the board of war, who are to inform the general of theſe ſtores, and direct the whole, or any part that may be wanted for the uſe of the army, to be delivered to him; with an injunction not to put the muſkets into the hands of any but thoſe ſoldiers who inliſt under the late reſolves and regulations of Congreſs:

That every part of the merchandize on board the ſaid ſhip, that is now wanted for the uſe of the army, be applied to that uſe, and that the ſecret committee inform general Mifflin, the quarter-maſter general, thereof, and incloſe him an order for the immediate delivery of all ſuch parts as he ſhall deſire:

That the remainder of the cargo be ſubject to the directions of the ſecret committee, who are impowered to order it from thence, either by ſea or land, to any other part or parts of theſe ſtates, where the articles may be wanted for the public ſervice.

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due,

To the truſtees for the poor of Frederick county, Maryland, for board and attendance of ſick ſoldiers of the maryland troops in continental ſervice, 58.30 dollars, to be paid to Nicholas Hower:

To doctor Nicholas Way, for medicine, attendance, lodging, nurſing, &c. of ſick ſoldiers of the 5th and 6th virginia regiments, 467.36 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee relative to the navy; whereupon *Reſolved*,

Resolved, That a bounty of 20 dollars be paid to the commanders, officers, and men of such continental ships or vessels of war as shall make pirze of any britiſh ships or vessels of war for every cannon mounted on board each prize at the time of such capture, and 8 dollars per head for every man then on board and belonging to such prize.

That the rank of the naval officers be to the rank of officers in the land service as follows

Admiral as a general.
Vice-Admiral as a lieutenant-general.
Rear-Admiral as a major-general.
Commodore as a brigadier-general.
Captain of a ship of 40 guns and upwards as a colonel.
Captain of a ship of 20 to 40 guns as a lieutenant-colonel.
Captain of a ship of 10 to 20 guns as a major.
Lieutenant in the navy as a captain.

That the pay of all officers and men in the american navy, from the date of the new commissions under the free and independant states of America, be as follows

	Per cal. mo. Of ships of 20 guns and upwards.	Of 10 to 20 guns.
Captain,	60 dollars,	48 dollars.
Lieutenant,	30	24
Master,	30	24
Master's Mate,	15	15
Boatswain,	15	13
Boatswain's Mate,	9 and one half,	9
Gunner,	15	13
Gunner's Mate,	9 and one half,	9
Surgeon,	25	21 2-3
Surgeon's Mate,	15	13 1-3
Carpenter,	15	13
Carpenter's Mate,	9 1-3	9
Cooper,	9	9
Midshipman,	12	12
Armourer,	9	9
Sailmaker,	10	10
Sailmaker's Mate,	8 1-3	8 1-3
Yoeman,	8 1-2	8 1-2
Quartermaster,	9	8 1-2
Cook,	9	8 1-2
Coxswain,	9	9
Captain's Clerk,	15	12
Steward,	10	10
Chaplain,	20	none
Yoeman of powder room,	9 1-3	9

Master

Of ships of 20 guns and upwards.	Per cal. mo.	Of 10 to 20 guns.
Master at arms,	10	9 dollars.
Seamen,	8	8

That vessels under ten guns be commanded by lieutenants:

That the pay of the officers in such vessels be,

Lieutenant commanding,	30 dollars.
Mate, — —	15
Boatswain, — —	12
Gunner, — —	12
Carpenter, — —	12

The other officers and men the same as in vessels from 10 to 20 guns:

Marine officers,	Captain,	30 dollars.
	Lieutenant,	20

Non-commissioned officers and soldiers the same as in the land service.

Resolved, That the president write to general Washington and inform him he has leave to negociate an exchange of the foreign troops in the pay of Great-Britain, that are prisoners to these states.

Congress took into consideration a report from the board of treasury for carrying into execution the resolutions of Congress relative to the loan-offices; whereupon

Resolved, That the certificates be of the following denominations—

737	of 1000	737000
1470	of 600	882000
2205	of 500	1,102,500
2940	of 400	1,176,000
3675	of 300	1,102,500
11027		5,000,000

That the value or denomination of the certificates, be in different parts thereof in print and writing:

That each denomination have a check letter, corresponding with a letter in the margin to be left in the book:

That the several denominations be further distinguished from each other by having the border at the end of the certificate varied or altered from the rest:

That the engraved ornaments between the margin, or part left in the book and the certificate, be cut indentwise, first having occasional dashes made with a pen a cross it, of the colour with which the treasurer signs his name:

That

That the impreſſions of the rolling preſs with the ſignature of the treaſurer in certificates of the higheſt denomination be made with yellow ink, of the ſecond with blue, of the third with red, of the fourth with green, and of the fifth or loweſt denomination with purple.

A petition from Joſeph Dean, Matthew Irwin, John Dunlap and Benjamin Harbeſon was read;

Ordered, That it be refered to the board of war.

Doctor Charles Ludwig having been duly examined on the practice of ſurgery and medicine, and recommended as duly qualified;

Reſolved, That he be appointed ſurgeon to the german battalion.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to morrow.

SATURDAY, *November*, 16, 1776.

Reſolved, That 300 dollars be advanced to the ſecretary of the board of war for contingent expences, he to be accountable.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the convention of North Carolina, to ſtation brigader general Moore with the regular troops under his command in ſuch parts of that ſtate, or of the ſtate of South Carolina, where they will be in a capacity to render immediate and ſeaſonable aſſiſtance to their friends in South Carolina; and that they may be on the ſpot to oppoſe the enemy when, and wherefoever they ſhall attempt to make their landing good in that ſtate; and that the convention of North Carolina do immediately at the continental expence embody five thouſand militia to complete any military operations already begun by general Moore, to defend the ſtate of North Carolina, or march to the relief of their neighbours in South Carolina or Virginia, where there ſhall be moſt occaſion for their ſupport.

The committee on the lottery brought in a report, which was read:

Ordered, That it be taken into conſideration on Monday next.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *November* 18, 1776.

Reſolved, That 40,000 dollars be advanced to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania, the ſaid ſtate to be accountable.

A letter

A letter of the 14th from general Washington, inclosing copies of letters which passed between him and general Howe; one of the 6th from general Gates; one of the 10th from Richard Stockton and G. Clymer, esqrs. at Albany; one of the 11th from general Schuyler at Albany; one of the 16th from general Stephen at Amboy; one of the 1st from B. Harrison, paymaster in the southern department; and one of the 8th from brigadier general Lewis at Williamsburgh were read:

Ordered, That the letters from general Washington, general Schuyler, general Gates and brigadier general Stephen be referred to the board of war; that the letters from brigadier general Lewis and B. Harrison be referred to the board of treasury.

A letter and memorial from Joseph Trumbull, esq; and a memorial from E. Hazard were read.

Ordered, That they be referred to the board of war.

A letter from Juliana Zedwitz was read, and referred to the commitee on the state of prisoners.

Resolved, That a member be added to the said commitee, and that they be directed to take into consideration the case of lieutenant M'Lean, who was sent to Philadelphia by general Wooster. The member chosen, Mr. Hooper.

The marine committee having recommended Francis Hopkinson, esq; as a fit person to execute the business of the navy under their direction;

Resolved, That he be accepted.

A memorial of Isaac Cox, in behalf of Alexander Frazer and others, inhabitants of the island of Providence, owners of two sloops called the Dragon and the Molly, taken by private sloops of war called the Congress and Chance, and brought into the port of Philadelphia but afterwards released, praying for letters of safe conduct for the said sloops to the port of Providence, in order to prevent any arrest or molestation by the vessels of war in the service of the United States:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A petition from Muscoe Livingston was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Wythe and Mr. Ross.

Congress took into consideration the report of the committee on the lottery; whereupon

Resolved, That the scheme of the lottery be as follows, viz.

That it consist of 100,000 tickets, each ticket to be divided into four billets and to be drawn in four classes.

First Claſs, at 10 dollars each billet,		1,000,000
Deduction, at 15 per cent.		150,000
		850,000
Prizes. 1 of 10,000	10,000	
2 of 5000	10,000	
30 of 1000	30,000	
400 of 500	200,000	
20,000 of 20	400,000	
Carried to the fourth claſs,	200,000	850,000
Second Claſs, 100,000 billets at 20 dollars each,		2,000,000
Deduction, at 15 per cent.		300,000
		1,700,000
Prizes. 1 of 20,000	20,000	
2 of 10,000	20,000	
10 of 5000	50,000	
100 of 1000	100,000	
820 of 500	410,000	
20,000 of 30	600,000	
Carried to the fourth claſs,	500,000	1,700,000
Third Claſs, 100,000 billets at 30 dollars each,		3,000,000
Deduction, at 15 per cent.		450,000
		2550,000
Prizes. 1 of 30,000	30,000	
1 of 20,000	20,000	
2 of 15,000	30,000	
2 of 10,000	20,000	
10 of 5,000	50,000	
200 of 1000	200,000	
1000 of 500	500,000	
20,000 of 40	800,000	
Carried to the fourth claſs,	900,000	2550,000
Fourth Claſs, 100,000 billets at 40 dollars each,		4,000,000
Deduction, at 15 per cent.		600,000
		3,400,000
Brought from the firſt claſs,		200,000
from the ſecond claſs,		500,000
from the third claſs,		900,000
Total,		5,000,000

Prizes.

Prizes.	1 of	50,000	50,000
	2 of	25,000	50,000
	2 of	10,000	20,000
	10 of	5,000	50,000
	100 of	1,000	100,000
	200 of	500	100,000
	1000 of	390	300,000
	15000 of	200	3,000,000
	26000 of	50	1,300,000
			5,000,000

The lottery being intended to raiſe a ſum of money on loan, bearing an annual intereſt of four per cent. which, with the ſums ariſing from the deductions, is to be applied for carrying on the preſent moſt juſt and neceſſary war in defence of the lives, liberties and property of the inhabitants of theſe United States:

Reſolved, That the fortunate adventurers in the firſt claſs, who draw more than 20 dollars, and ſo in the ſecond and third claſſes who draw more than 30 or 40 dollars ſhall, at their option, receive a treaſury bank note for the prize or prizes drawn, payable at the end of five years, and an annual intereſt on the ſame at the rate of four per cent. or the pre-emption of ſuch billets in the next ſucceeding claſs, as ſhall not be renewed within the time herein after limited. Every adventurer in the firſt claſs ſhall have a right to go through the ſubſequent claſſes, but ſhall not be obliged to do it. The drawers of 20, 30 and 40 dollars in the firſt, ſecond and third claſſes, who do not apply for their money within ſix weeks after the drawing ends, ſhall be deemed adventurers in the next ſucceeding claſs, and have their billets renewed without any farther trouble. If any others ſhall neglect or decline taking out and paying the price of their billets, for a ſubſequent claſs within ſix weeks after the drawing ends, their billets will be ſold to the fortunate adventurers in the preceeding claſs, or to ſuch as ſhall apply for the ſame. The fortunate adventurers in the laſt claſs who draw fifty dollars ſhall, upon application to the commiſſioners of the loan offices in the reſpective ſtates where the drawers reſide, receive their money without any deduction, and all, who draw above that ſum, ſhall receive in like manner without deduction for the ſums drawn, bank treaſury notes payable at the end of five years after the drawing at the loan office of the ſtate, in which the drawers reſide. The intereſt to commence from the laſt day of drawing, and to be paid annually at the ſaid reſpective loan offices:

That

That for carrying into execution the ſaid lottery there ſhall be ſeven managers, who ſhall give bond, and be on oath for the faithful diſcharge of their duty:

That the money as faſt as received by the managers for billets be lodged in the continental treaſury:

That the drawing of the firſt claſs begin at Philadelphia on the 1ſt of March 1777 or ſooner, if ſooner full.

Reſolved, That the farther conſideration of the report be poſtponed 'till to morrow.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *November* 19, 1776.

The convention of Maryland having appointed new delegates, two of them attending produced the credentials of their appointment, which were read as follows,

"Maryland. In convention, November 10th, 1776.

Reſolved, That the honourable Matthew Tilghman, eſq; and Thomas Johnſon jun. William Paca, Thomas Stone, Samuel Chaſe, Benjamin Rumſey and Charles Carrol, bar. eſquires or any three or more of them be delegates to repreſent this ſtate in Congreſs until the firſt day of March next, or until the General Aſſembly ſhall make further order therein, and that the ſaid delegates or any three or more of them be authoriſed and impowered to concur with the other United States, or a majority of them in forming a confederation, and in making foreign alliances; provided that ſuch confederation when formed be not binding upon this ſtate without the aſſent of the General Aſſembly; and the ſaid delegates or any three or more of them are alſo authoriſed and impowered to concur in any meaſures which may be reſolved on by Congreſs for carrying on the war with Great-Britain, and ſecuring the liberties of the United States, reſerving always to this ſtate the ſole and excluſive right of regulating the internal police thereof. And the ſaid delegates or any three or more of them are hereby authoriſed, and impowered notwithſtanding any meaſure heretofore taken to concur with the Congreſs, or a majority of them in accommodating our unhappy difference with Great-Britain, on ſuch terms as the Congreſs or a majority of them ſhall think proper. Extract from the minutes. G. Duvall."

Reſolved, That the board of treaſury be directed, in ſettling brigadier-general Armſtrong's accounts, to allow his charge for travelling expences to and from South-Carolina, amounting to 400 dollars.

A letter of the 16th from general Waſhington and one of the 17th from C. Biddle, were read. The

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That one hundred 3 pounders, fifty 6 pounders, fifty 12 pounders, thirteen 18 pounders, and thirteen 24 pounders, all of braſs, be immediately provided as field artillery for the uſe of the armies of the United States:

That the ſecret committee be directed to take the moſt effectual meaſures for procuring the ſaid braſs artillery; that the ſaid committee confer with the committee for procuring cannon, and conſult with them how many they can provide:

That this matter be kept as ſecret as the nature of the buſineſs will admit.

Reſolved, That 400 dollars be advanced to the delegates of North-Carolina, for the uſe of that ſtate, which is to be accountable.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the report on the lottery, whereupon

Reſolved, That each of the managers ſhall receive for his trouble one tenth per centum, on all the money he ſhall receive on the ſale of the tickets:

That the tickets or billets be ſold for ready money:

That each of the managers give bond to the preſident for the uſe of the United States in the penalty of 20,000 dollars for the faithful diſcharge of their truſt.

Reſolved, That a member be added to the commitee appointed to hear the appeal againſt the ſentence paſſed on the libel John Barry, &c. v. the ſloop Betſy &c. in th room of Mr. Rutledge.

The member choſen Mr. Chaſe.

Congreſs being informed there are two enſigncies vacant in the german battalion, proceeded to elect perſons to fill up the ſame; and the ballots being taken,

George Howard and Jacob Laudermilk were elected.

The committee of treaſury reported that there ought to be advanced to colonel James Livingſton the ſum of 2000 dollars for which he is to account with the commiſſioners for auditing the accounts in the northern department:

That there is due to Edward Rutledge Eſq; for caſh he paid by order of Congreſs to Joſeph Beck an expreſs to South Carolina. with diſpatches intercepted with Kirkland &c. the ſum of 133.30 dollars, and for the expences of himſelf, Doct. Franklin and Mr. Adams, a committee to Staten Iſland and back, 71.30 dollars; the whole amounting to 204.60 dollars:

To Joſ. Baldwin for ferriage of militia over Neſhaminy ferry, 6.54 dollars:

To Samuel Pugh, for victualing troops of the flying camp on their march, 8 dollars;

To John Jarvis, for ferriage over Neſhaminy, 12.21 dollars, and horſe hire to different expreſſes, 10.36 dollars, the whole 22.57 dollars:

That there ſhould be paid to the board of war, to be by them ſent to Benjamin Harriſon, jun. eſq; deputy paymaſter general in Virginia, the ſum of 300,000 dollars for the uſe of the army in that department:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Congreſs reſumed the conſideration of the report of the board of war of the 13th inſtant; whereupon

Reſolved, That the commiſſary general, or his deputies, make regular weekly returns of all rations iſſued or paid to the officers and privates of any regiment, troop or company in the ſervice of the States, to the adjutant-general or his deputies, to be by him inſerted in the general returns of the army, and tranſmitted to Congreſs monthly:

That on any ſick or diſabled non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier being ſent to any hoſpital or ſick quarters, the captain or commandant of the troop or company to which he belongs, ſhall ſend to the ſurgeon or director of the ſaid hoſpital, or give to the non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier ſo in the hoſpital or quarters, a certificate, counterſigned by the paymaſter of the regiment, if he be with the regiment, of what pay is due to ſuch ſick non-commiſſioned officer or private at the time of his entering the hoſpital or quarters; and the captain or commandant of the troop or company ſhall not receive the pay of the ſaid ſoldier in hoſpital or quarters, or include him in any pay abſtract during his continuance therein. And in caſe any non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier ſhall be diſcharged from the hoſpital or quarters as unfit for farther ſervice, a certificate ſhall be given him by the ſurgeon or director of what pay is then due to him; and the ſaid non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier ſo diſcharged ſhall be entitled to receive his pay at any pay-office or from any paymaſter in the ſervice of the United States; the ſaid paymaſter keeping ſuch original certificate, to prevent impoſitions, and giving the non-commiſſioned officer or ſoldier his diſcharge, or a certified copy thereof, mentioning at the ſame time his having been paid:

That this reſolution be tranſmitted to the commanders in chief in the ſeveral departments, to be by them given out in orders and then delivered to the directors of the hoſpitals in each department, who are to cauſe the ſame to be fixed up in ſome conſpicuous place or places in every military hoſpital for the information of all concerned:

That letters be immediately ſent to the councils of ſafety, conventions, or legiſlatures of Pennſylvania and the ſtates

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to the ſouthward thereof, deſiring them forthwith to lay up magazines of military ſtores, ammunition and ſalt proviſions in the ſafeſt and moſt convenient places in the ſaid ſtates reſpectively, for the uſe of ſuch continental troops and militia as it may be neceſſary to bring into the field in the enſuing winter for the defence of theſe ſtates:

That ſome proper perſon be appointed to act in the capacity of armourer, to aſſiſt the commiſſary of ſtores in inſpecting, ſuperintending repairs, and taking care of all continental arms in the public magazines at Philadelphia.

Congreſs deem it neceſſary upon every principle of propriety to remind the ſeveral ſtates, how indiſpenſible it is to the common ſafety, that they purſue the moſt immediate and vigorous meaſures to furniſh their reſpective quotas of troops for the new army, as the time of ſervice for which the preſent army is inliſted is ſo near expiring that the country may be left in a condition in a great meaſure defenceleſs, unleſs quickly ſupplied by new levies.

Reſolved, That major Stewart, who brought the late intelligence from general Gates, and who is recommended as a deſerving officer, have the rank of lieutenant-colonel by brevet, and be preſented with a ſword of the value of one hundred dollars.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *November* 20, 1776.

Reſolved, That 40,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. J. Meaſe for the public ſervice; he to be accountable.

The keeper of the public priſon having informed Congreſs that he has diſcovered a plot among the priſoners to effect an eſcape, which one of them has accompliſhed; and that he has good reaſon to believe horſes are purchaſed in Philadelphia, and kept ready for them when they ſhall have eſcaped from priſon; it was thereupon

Reſolved, That the goal-keeper be directed to keep the priſoners in his cuſtody cloſe locked up till further orders:

That it be recommended to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania to examine Mr. Jewell the goal-keeper reſpecting this matter, and to take every meaſure in their power to find out the accomplices in the plot, if any there are.

A letter of the 13th from lord Stirling was read.

The board of war, to whom were referred the memorials from captain Lockwood and captain Oſwald, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That ſuch parts of the ſaid memorials as relate to their pay be referred to the board of treaſury.

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A letter of the 2d from the council of safety of Maryland was read and referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 6th from general Lee to doctor Franklin having been sent to the board of war and by them opened, was laid before Congress and read;

Ordered, That the board of war prepare a letter to general Lee, and report the same to Congress.

Congress proceeded to the election of managers of the lottery, and the ballots being taken, the following gentlemen were chosen, viz.

Sharp Delany, John Purviance, Owen Biddle, Francis Lewis jun. Jacob Barge, Jonathan B. Smith and James Searle.

Resolved, That a member be added to the secret committee in the room of Mr. Bartlett, who is absent:

The member chosen, Mr. Whipple.

Resolved, That the postmaster general be directed to remove Bessonet of Bristol in Pennsylvania from the office of deputy postmaster, and appoint some other trusty person in that town to that office:

That the committee appointed to inquire into the circumstances of the loss of the packet from general Washington, be directed to apply to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, to apprehend Bessonet of Bristol and his bar-keeper, and bring them to Philadelphia for examination, taking care to keep them apart, and that they have the assistance of the continental troops in Philadelphia, if necessary:

That the said committee write to the commanding officer of the continental troops in New-Jersey, to make diligent search for one Wilkins who was at the tavern in Bristol when the packet was lost, and to send him, if found, under guard to Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the board of war be impowered to administer oaths to persons examined by them.

The committee of treasury reported that there is due to lieutenant Smith for his expences with a party to escort money to Brunswick, and to fort Montgomery, a ballance of 19.19 dollars, the amount of his account being 55.19 dollars, of which he received from Robert Erwin, 32 dollars, and from R. Dallam, 4 dollars, remains 19.19 dol.

Ordered, That the same be paid.

The board of treasury reported farther instructions to the commissioners for auditing the accounts of the army under the command of general Washington, which were agreed to as follows:

That in adjusting the accounts of persons whose particular circumstances may have rendered them unable to procure

cure vouchers, or who by unavoidable accidents have loſt the ſame or any part of the public ſtores committed to their care, the commiſſioners endeavour to obtain the beſt information from the general officers or other perſons relative to ſuch accounts, and uſe a diſcretionary power in adminiſtering oaths or affirmations previous to their ſettling the ſame:

That the commiſſioners ſend to the ſtate of Virginia and to the ſtates northward and eaſtward thereof, for their accounts againſt the ſaid army, if ſuch accounts ſhould not be forwarded, agreeable to a circular letter from the board of treaſury to the ſaid ſtates:

That the commiſſioners uſe every precaution to prevent the loſs of any public books or papers, that may be in their poſſeſſion, and for this purpoſe that they apply to the quarter maſter general for a waggon and horſes, to be under their direction:

That they conſider the flying camp as part of general Waſhington's army, and adjuſt the accounts accordingly.

The marine committee brought in a report for encreaſing the navy of the United States, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That there be immediately undertaken

In New-Hampſhire,	1 ſhip of 74 guns,
In Maſſachuſett's-Bay,	1 ditto of 74 ditto,
	1 ditto of 36 ditto,
In Pennſylvania,	1 ditto of 74 ditto,
	1 brig of 18 ditto, and a packet-boat,
In Virginia,	2 frigates of 36 ditto each,
In Maryland,	2 ditto of 36 ditto each.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *November* 21, 1776.

Reſolved, That 250 dollars be advanced to captain Gabriel Long, of the late colonel Stevenſon's battalion, for the purpoſe of recruiting his company, he to be accountable:

That captain Long's accounts be referred to the board of treaſury.

As the neceſſity of obtaining an army immediately to oppoſe the deſigns of the enemy is ſo evident and preſſing as to render it proper to give all poſſible facility to that buſineſs:

Reſolved, That each ſtate be at liberty to direct their recruiting officers to inliſt their men either for the war or three years, upon the reſpective bounties offered by Con-

greſs, without preſenting inliſting rolls for both terms according to a former reſolution, keeping it always in view that in the opinion of Congreſs the public ſervice will be beſt promoted by inliſtments for the war, if the recruiting ſervice is not retarded thereby.

The committee of treaſury reported, that there is due;

To Samuel Lockwood, for his pay as aſſiſtant engineer in the army in Canada, from the 5th of November, 1775, to the 18th of May, 1776, at 20 dollars per month, 128.60 dollars;

And from the 19th of May to the 5th November, at 30 dollars per month, 167 dollars;

the whole 295.60 dollars:

To John Bates for two fire hoods, ſhovel, tongs, &c. for the uſe of the treaſury office, 16.36 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *November* 22, 1776.

A letter of the 20th from general Mercer was read:

Ordered, That an extract thereof be ſent to the aſſembly and council of ſafety of Pennſylvania.

Congreſs being informed that a number of ſick ſoldiers were ſent to Philadelphia from the flying camp and lodged in the barracks, and it being apprehended that their continuance in the barracks may endanger the health of the ſoldiers there,

Ordered, That the medical committee take charge of the ſaid ſick, and have them quartered in private houſes and properly taken care of, and that they immediately attend to this buſineſs:

That doctor Ludwic be directed to attend the ſaid ſick.

The committee to whom was referred the petition and memorial of Mrs. Zedwitz, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That lieutenant-colonel Zedwitz be removed to Philadelphia and confined in the ſtate priſon; and that due care be taken to prevent him from any intercourſe or correſpondence with the enemies of theſe ſtates;

That the ſum of 58.49 dollars be paid to Mrs. Zedwitz, in full for ſervices done for the continent, as ſet forth in her petition:

That the farther ſum of 80 dollars be paid to the ſaid Mrs. Zedwitz, in full for two months pay due to her huſband.

Reſolved, That 100,000 dollars be advanced to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania; that ſtate to be accountable.

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Congreſs taking into conſideration the preſent ſtate of the army, of which ſome parts have already diſbanded, and others will probably do ſo when the times they engaged to ſerve for ſhall expire, which muſt ſoon happen; ſo that there is great danger that the enemy muſt be oppoſed either by unequal numbers, or by militia, not only a more expenſive but a leſs efficacious aid than regular forces; and there being good grounds to hope that vigorous efforts at this critical conjuncture may bring the war to a ſpeedy as well as happy concluſion;

Reſolved, That blank commiſſions be ſent to general Waſhington, and that he be impowered to inſert therein the names of ſuch officers as he ſhall think fit, not revoking thoſe appointments which have been made by commiſſioners from any of the United States: and the general, commiſſioners and officers are conjured to recruit, by all the means in their power, the regiments now or lately in the camp; and that a committee of three be appointed to repair to head quarters, and conſulting with the general, aſſiſt in the accompliſhment of this neceſſary buſineſs:

The members choſen, Mr. Paca, Mr. Witherſpoon, and Mr. Roſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid committee make particular inquiry why the troops are not paid, and that they inquire into and redreſs to the utmoſt of their power the juſt grievances of the ſoldiers.

Reſolved, That the ſum of 166,666.60 dollars be advanced to the ſtate of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, in part of their account againſt the continent; the ſaid ſtate to be accountable.

Ordered, That a copy of the reſolutions reſpecting the lottery be delivered to the managers, and that the ſaid managers proceed immediately in carrying the lottery into execution.

Congreſs took into conſideration the report of the committee on the application from the convention of New-York reſpecting the waſte of hides in the army; whereupon

Reſolved, That the commiſſaries in each department be directed to employ proper perſons to take immediate charge of the hides and tallow in their reſpective diſtricts; that the former may be tanned into leather, or at leaſt ſo far cured as to prevent their being ſpoiled, and the latter rendered into kegs or caſks, that there be no waſte of thoſe valuable articles, but that they may be ſtored for the uſe of the continent and be ſubject to the orders of Congreſs; and that the ſaid commiſſaries be ſtrongly urged to pay due attention to this reſolve, it being a matter of conſiderable importance.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That two months pay be advanced to doctor Ludwig, of the german battalion, he to be accountable.

A ſtate of the inconveniencies to which the troops on the eaſtern ſhore of Virginia are particularly ſubject, was laid before Congreſs and read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of war.

A letter of the 16th from J. Trumbull, commiſſary-general, was read, adviſing that he had on that day drawn on the preſident at four days ſight, in favour of Mr. Matthew Irwin, for the ſum of 20,000 dollars, to purchaſe pork and flour, and deſiring the ſame may be paid and charged to his (J. Trumbull's) account:

Reſolved, That the preſident draw an order on the treaſurer for the payment of the ſaid bills, and that the money be accordingly charged to the account of J. Trumbull.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *November*, 23, 1776.

A letter of the 19th and 21ſt from general Waſhington was read.

Reſolved, That 500,000 dollars be ſent to the paymaſter general:

That 250,000 dollars be ſent to R. Dallam, eſq.;

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed with full powers to deviſe and execute meaſures for effectually reinforcing general Waſhington, and obſtructing the progreſs of general Howe's army; and they are ordered to proceed immediately on this buſineſs.

The members choſen, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Smith, Mr. Chaſe, Mr. Clymer, and Mr. Stockton.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to order the virginia battalion on the eaſtern ſhore, and the two pennſylvania battalions commanded by colonel Mackay and colonel Cooke, to march with all poſſible expedition; the former to Philadelphia, and the two latter by the neareſt route to Brunſwick in New-Jerſey, or to join general Waſhington wherever he may be; and that the ſaid board uſe every means in their power to expedite the march of theſe troops; and they are ordered to attend immediately to this buſineſs.

The better to oppoſe the progreſs of the enemy,

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be directed to order under his immediate command ſuch of the forces now in the northern department as have been raiſed in the ſtates of Pennſylvania and New-Jerſey, and that the commanding officer in the northern department be directed to apply to the

the legiſlatures of the eaſtern ſtates to afford him ſuch aſſiſtance as he may ſtand in need of.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be directed to propoſe to general Howe an exchange of William Franklin, eſq; late governor of New-Jerſey, for brigadier general Thompſon.

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due,

To the committee of northampton county, and to be paid to Jeſſe Jones, for ſundry ſupplies of proviſions, waggons, &c. to the militia on their march to New-Jerſey, and for ſupplies to priſoners and continental troops, 1337.54 dollars:

To John Aſhbe, for a waggon, horſes, and a negro man, his property, loſt in the ſervice of the ſtates at New-York, 786.60 dollars:

To John Cox, for eight rifle guns ſupplied by Edward Snicker, for the uſe of captain Gabriel Long's company of virginia rifle-men, 146.60 dollars:

To lieutenants Bogart and Ball, two priſoners of the britiſh navy, and to be paid to James Smith, eſq; for their allowance from 9th July to 19th November, 1776, inclusive, 19 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 76 dollars:

To brigadier general Armſtrong, for his pay and rations from 1ſt March to 23d November, inſt. incluſive, and his travelling expences to and from South-Carolina, 1781.63 dollars:

To doctor David Jameſon, for ſundry medicines and attendance to ſick ſoldiers of captain Grier's company and captain Nelſon's company in the continental ſervice, 290.24 dollars:

To colonel Jeremiah Dugan, for ſundry ſupplies to the army in Canada, for which he has now produced a voucher, the want of which prevented the ſame being reported the 19th of Auguſt laſt, the ſum of 484.73 dollars:

To the board of war, for a draft of R. Dallam, eſq; deputy paymaſter general, dated New-Brunſwick the 21ſt inſtant, in favour of colonel Clement Biddle, deputy quartermaſter general, 10,000 dollars:

That there ſhould be paid to Richard Bache, eſq; poſtmaſter general, as an advance for the uſe of the poſt-office, 2666.60 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid ſums be paid.

Reſolved, That by any thing heretofore done it is not intended to prejudice or ſtrengthen the right or claim of the United States or any of them to any lands in America, nor to determine in what proportion or manner the expences of the war ſhall be raiſed or adjuſted, except as to the firſt three millions of dollars emitted by Congreſs, and a farther emiſſion of three millions of dollars on Dec. 26, 1775.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That 20,000 dollars be advanced to the commissioners appointed by the convention of Maryland to raise their quota of troops; they to be accountable.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *November* 25, 1776.

A letter of the 23d from general Washington at Newark was read:

Ordered, That it be referred to a committee of the whole Congress, and that general Mifflin, who brought the letter, be desired to attend the said committee.

Congress then resolved itself into a committee of the whole, and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson reported, that the committee have had under consideration the letter referred to them and have heard general Mifflin on the subject, and thereupon come to sundry resolutions which he was ordered to report, but that not having finished, desired leave to sit again.

The resolutions reported from the committee of the whole being read, were agreed to as follows—

Resolved, That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to call forth immediately the associators in the city and liberties of Philadelphia and in the counties of Philadelphia, Chester, Bucks and Northampton, to continue in the service of the United States six weeks from the time they join the army, unless sooner discharged by Congress:

That the volunteers who shall enrol to serve the United States to the 10th of March next, shall nevertheless be discharged as soon as the situation of public affairs will possibly admit; it being the intention of Congress to detain them no longer than the present emergency shall render it absolutely necessary:

That 35,000 dollars be advanced to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, for the public service; the said state to be accountable:

That 4000 dollars be advanced to colonel Hausseger, for the use of his battalion; he to be accountable:

That the board of war be directed to order the german battalion to march immediately and join general Washington:

That the said board write to governor Henry of Virginia, and request him to order the light horse in the service of that state to march with all possible expedition to join general Washington:

That the said board order brigadier general Roche de Fermoy

Fermoy to repair immediately to general Washington, inſtead of going to the northward.

Reſolved, That general Mifflin be directed to ſtay in the city of Philadelphia until general Waſhington ſhall require his attendance at the camp, and that general Waſhington be informed of this by the preſident.

Reſolved, That Congreſs will to-morrow reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into conſideration the ſtate of the army.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *November* 26, 1776.

A letter of the 8th from George Morgan at Pittſburg, and one of the 21ſt from the council of ſafety of Maryland, were read.

Reſolved, That 1000 dollars be advanced to Robert Erwin, waggon-maſter general, for the public ſervice; he to be accountable.

Congreſs being informed that ſome perſons in the city of Philadelphia, governed by principles inimical to the cauſe of America, and with views of avarice and extortion, have monopolized and engroſſed ſhoes, ſtockings and other neceſſaries for the army, whilſt the ſoldiers of the continent, fighting for the liberties of their country, are expoſed to the injuries of the weather at this inclement ſeaſon:

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the Aſſembly of the ſtate of Pennſylvania to adopt ſuch immediate meaſures for remedying this evil as their wiſdom ſhall ſuggeſt to be adequate to the preſent purpoſe, and for preventing like pernicious practiſes for the future.

The board of war brought in a report which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That a regiment of artillery to be armed with muſkets and bayonets inſtead of fuſees, be raiſed in the ſtate of Virginia, on continental eſtabliſhment; the two companies already raiſed there to be part of the ſaid regiment, which is to be compoſed of one colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, one major, and ten companies, each to conſiſt of one captain, three lieutenants, one ſerjeant, four bombardiers, eight gunners, four corporals, and forty-eight matroſſes.

Reſolved, That 1150 dollars be paid to Gerard W. Beekman or order, and charged to the account of Richard Dallam, eſq; deputy paymaſter-general, the ſame being in full of a draught of the ſaid R. Dallam on R. Peters, eſq; ſecretary of the board of war, in favour of the ſaid G. W. Beekman, dated New-Brunſwick, November 15th, 1776.

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Mr. F. Lewis, jun. having informed Congreſs that he cannot conſiſtent with his private engagements, undertake to be a manager of the lottery, and deſiring to be excuſed from that ſervice:

Reſolved, That he be excuſed, and that another be elected in his room:

The ballots being taken,

Doctor David Jackſon was elected.

Ordered, That the committee, who brought in the ſcheme of the lottery, confer with the managers thereof, in order that they may proceed on that buſineſs.

Congreſs reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole to take into conſideration the ſtate of the army; and after ſome time the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Nelſon reported that the committee have had under conſideration the matter to them referred, and have come to ſundry reſolutions which he was ordered to lay before Congreſs.

The reſolutions reported from the committee of the whole being read, were agreed to as follows,

Reſolved, That the cannon committee be directed to inquire what quantity of cannon are on board the prize ſhip that arrived yeſterday in the port of Philadelphia; and if they are fit for field artillery to take meaſures to have them mounted on proper carriages and ſent to general Waſhington:

That the Aſſembly of the ſtate of Pennſylvania be requeſted to give immediate direction that the braſs field-pieces with the artillery companies, or the field-pieces ſingly, if there be no ſuch companies, belonging to this ſtate, be with all poſſible expedition ſent to general Waſhington's army in New-Jerſey, and that they be aſſured, that as ſoon as the ſituation of affairs will admit, they ſhall be returned, or others in lieu of the ſaid field-pieces:

That Mr. Meaſe, the continental commiſſary in the city of Philadelphia, be directed to go to the ſeveral ſhops and ſtores in the ſaid city, and purchaſe for the uſe of the army of the United States ſuch articles as are neceſſary for them at this and the approaching ſeaſon of the year; and that he be impowered to employ as many perſons as he ſhall judge neceſſary to aſſiſt him in this ſervice:

That the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania be requeſted with all poſſible expedition to cauſe application to be made to the houſe-keepers and others in the ſaid ſtate, for as many blankets and woollen ſtockings as each can ſpare for the uſe of the ſoldiers under the immediate command of general Waſhington in New-Jerſey; and that they be delivered

livered as fast as collected to Mr. J. Mease, the continental commissary:

That it be recommended to the said council of safety to appoint persons to appraise the blankets and woollen stockings so collected as aforesaid, that the value of them may be paid:

That the committee who are sent to the camp be directed to make particular inquiry into the abuses in the medical department in the army, and report thereon to Congress.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *November* 27, 1776.

A memorial from Thomas Denef was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of war.

The board of war brought in a report, which was taken into consideration, whereupon

Resolved, That Congress appoint the officers of the artillery battalion agreed to be raised in Virginia.

A petition and memorial from John Serjeant was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the committee on the letter from Thomas Cushing, esq; and that the report on that subject by them made be re-committed.

Resolved, That the delegates from the four New-England governments be directed to take the most effectual measures to have at least 10,000 pair of shoes and 10,000 pair of stockings purchased in those states and sent to general Washington's head quarters with all possible expedition, for the use of the soldiers under his command.

Ordered, That the secret committee take proper and effectual measures to procure a quantity of hard money, not less than 20,000 dollars, to be lodged in the hands of the commander in chief, for the purpose of secret services.

The committee who were appointed, in conjunction with the council of safety of Pennsylvania, to examine Bessonet and his bar-keeper, having reported, that after the most diligent inquiry they find nothing proved against Mr. Bessonet, and that the council of safety and said committee are of opinion he ought to be discharged;

Ordered, That the said committee inform the said council of safety that Congress have no objection to their discharging Mr. Bessonet.

The committee appointed to repair to the northern army having returned made a report, which was read;

Ordered, That the same, together with the papers accompanying it, be referred to a committee of five, and that they sit from day to day and report thereon as soon as possible:

The members chosen, Mr. S. Adams, Mr. Clymer, Mr. Livingston, Mr. Wythe, and Mr. Harrison.

Resolved, That 2500 dollars be paid to Mr. Abraham Livingston, and charged to the account of Jonathan Trumbull, jun. esq; deputy paymaster general, the same being in full of his draught in favour of the said A. Livingston, dated Albany, 14th November, 1776.

An appeal having been lodged against the sentence passed in the court of admiralty for the state of Virginia, on the libel "Levin Jones, &c. v. the sloop Vulcan."

Resolved, That the hearing and determining the said appeal be referred to Mr. Wythe, Mr. Payne, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hooper, and Mr. Chase.

Resolved, That three members be added to the committee appointed to revise the resolutions relative to captures:

The members chosen, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hooper, and Mr. Chase.

Resolved, That it be recommended to the legislatures of the United States respectively, to pass such laws as will most effectually tend to prevent the counterfeiting or forging of the tickets of the public lottery.

A letter from Mr. Ross, Mr. Paca, and Mr. Witherspoon was read, informing that they have appointed an assistant quartermaster and commissary to provide for a number of sick, and take care of stores sent to Princeton.

Ordered, That the president inform them that Congress approve of the appointments.

Ordered, That the board of war, in conjunction with a member of the council of safety of Pennsylvania, seize the person and papers of Monsr. Bonvolour, and having examined him and them, report to Congress.

Resolved, That the board of war be directed to detain such companies of the german battalion as have not already marched.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *November* 28, 1776.

Resolved, That 300 dollars be advanced to William Whitely, lieutenant-colonel of colonel Richardson's battalion of the flying camp from Maryland, for the use of some sick soldiers of said battalion in Philadelphia, for which he is to be accountable.

Resolved, That William Bradford, second lieutenant in captain Smith's company of colonel Stevenson's battalion, be promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, in the room of the first lieutenant of the said company, resigned.

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A plan of an artillery yard being laid before Congreſs;

Ordered, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members choſen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Paine, and Mr. Middleton.

Reſolved, That 533.30 dollars be advanced to colonel L. Cadwallader for the uſe of his battalion; he to be accountable:

That a like ſum of 533.30 dollars be advanced to lieutenant colonel Penroſe, for the uſe of the men belonging to colonel Magaw's battalion; he to be accountable.

The committee on the affairs of the northern army brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That a letter be ſent to governor Trumbull, deſiring him to order twenty cannon, carrying ſhot of 18 pounds weight, to be caſt at Saliſbury furnace and tranſported to Ticonderoga with all poſſible expedition:

That ſkillful perſons be ſent to examine the Saliſbury and Mr. Livingſton's founderies, and if it be found that a ſufficient number of cannon may be caſt there, that proper artificers be forthwith employed in that work, an agreement being firſt made with governor Trumbull and Mr. Livingſton for that purpoſe:

That the commiſſary-general be directed to procure proviſions ſufficient for 5000 men, during eight months, to be ſent to Albany, and from thence to Fort-Anne, and the like quantity to remain in Albany, and be removed elſewhere as occaſion may require; and that the commiſſary-general be directed to ſend to Albany a ſufficient quantity of ſalt to cure the ſaid proviſions:

That general Schuyler be informed of the cannon ordered from Saliſbury to Ticonderoga, and directed to have carriages provided for them:

Reſolved, That the committee have leave to ſit again.

A letter of the 19th from general Schuyler at Saratoga, was read:

Reſolved, That the commiſſary-general be impowered to import ſuch quantities of rice from the ſouthern ſtates as he ſhall think neceſſary for the uſe of the army.

The medical committee to whom doctor Shippen's letter was referred brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That doctor Morgan take care of ſuch ſick and wounded of the army of the United States as are on the eaſt ſide of Hudſon's river, and that doctor Shippen take care of ſuch ſick and wounded as are on the weſt ſide of Hudſon's river; and that they both be directed to uſe the utmoſt

utmoſt diligence in ſuperintending the ſurgeons and mates of the army, ſo that the ſick and wounded may be effectually provided with every thing neceſſary for their recovery.

Reſolved, That 100,000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of South Carolina, the ſaid ſtate to be accountable.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *November* 29, 1776.

A letter from S. Purviance, and one from J. Connolly, and a petition from J. Sullivan were read:

Ordered, That the petition from J. Sullivan be referred to a committee of three, and that they be directed to inquire minutely into the facts relative to the capitulations entered into by major Sherbourne and major Butterfield in Canada; that they be impowered to ſend for perſons and papers and to examine witneſſes on oath, and that they report to Congreſs:

The members choſen, Mr. Chaſe, Mr. Harriſon, and Mr. Wythe.

Ordered, That Mr. Meaſe ſupply the ſick ſoldiers in the houſe of employment in Philadelphia, each with one ſhirt.

A petition from major John Lamb was read; whereupon

Reſolved, That the general be directed to include major Lamb in the next exchange of priſoners.

The committee on the affairs of the northern army brought in a farther report, which was taken into conſiderarion; whereupon

Reſolved, That the medical committee be directed to provide ſufficient quantities of antiſcorbutics for the uſe of the hoſpitals in the northern army:

That the hoſpital at Fort George be continued for the reception of ſoldiers labouring with contagious diſeaſes, and that there be a general hoſpital erected on mount Independance:

That a ſuitable ſpot of ground for a garden be incloſed in the neighbourhood of the general hoſpital, to ſupply the army with vegetables; and that labourers be hired to cultivate it under the direction of an overſeer, to be appointed by the general or commanding officer:

That the general or commanding officer in each of the armies, cauſe ſtrict inquiry to be made into the conduct of the directors of the hoſpitals and their ſurgeons, officers and ſervants, and of the regimental ſurgeons, that if there has been any juſt ground of complaint in thoſe departments, the offenders may be puniſhed: That

That the colonel or commanding officer of every regiment make frequent inquiry into the health of the men under his command, and report the ſtate thereof with any negligence, mal-practice, or other miſconduct of the ſurgeons or others, to the general and to Congreſs, delivering copies of ſuch reports to all perſons therein accuſed:

That the general or commander in chief of the northern army direct all the batteaus on Lakes Champlain and George to be immediately repaired:

That one hundred batteaus be built at Schenectady, ſo as to be ready for uſe in February or March next at fartheſt, and for this purpoſe that boards, pitch, oakum, and other neceſſary materials be collected and artificers employed by the general or commanding officer:

Reſolved, That the committee have leave to ſit again.

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due:

To P. E. du Simitiere, for deſigning, making and drawing a medal for general Waſhington, 32 dollars:

To John Dunlap, for printing ſundry reſolves of Congreſs, commiſſions, proclamations, &c. 654.66 dollars:

To John Bates, for camp-kettles delivered to Robert Towers, commiſſary, 80 dollars:

To Joſeph Grenvold, for porterage of powder to the magazine, 37.45 dollars:

To James Anderſon, for ferriage of virginia troops, waggons and militia over Suſquehanna, 27.18 dollars:

To the eſtate of captain Spring, for ſtorage of continental powder, 111.38 dollars:

To the following priſoners from Canada, and to be paid to Mr. Roſs, the ſum of 229.77 dollars, viz. To captain Thompſon, expences of himſelf and baggage from Albany to Trenton, 11.55 dollars, and his allowance from 26th April to 28th November incluſive, 31 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 62 dollars; to Alexander M'Culloch, expences of himſelf and baggage from Albany to Trenton, 10.35 dollars, and his allowance from 26th April to 28th November incluſive, 31 weeks at 2 dollars a week, 62 dollars; and to William Godwin, his expences of family and baggage from Albany to Burlington, 14.27 dollars, and his allowance from 27th March to 27th November incluſive, 35 weeks at 2 dollars, 70 dollars:

To John Houſe, for his account of ferriage of troops, waggons and horſes over the river Potomack, 30.30 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That the ſecret committee be directed to provide, as ſoon as may be, arms and equipage for 3000 horſe.

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to conſider

ſider and report a proper method for eſtabliſhing and training cavalry in this continent:

The members choſen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Paine, Mr. Middleton, Mr. Nelſon, and Mr. Floyd.

A petition from Alexander Mercer was read and referred to the board of treaſury.

The committee appointed to confer with the managers of the lottery brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That the prizes only be drawn:

That the managers be authoriſed to employ as many clerks to aſſiſt in numbering the tickets as may be neceſſary for expediting the buſineſs:

That two preſſes be employed for printing the tickets:

Ordered, That the remainder of the report be recommitted.

Reſolved, That to-morrow be aſſigned for appointing the officers of the regiment of artillery ordered to be raiſed in Virginia.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *November* 30, 1776.

A letter of the 27th from general Waſhington, with a liſt of the priſoners taken by the enemy during the campaign of 1776; and one of the ſame date from the council of ſafety of New-York, were read;

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the board of war, and that they confer with colonel Miles who is come from New-York on his parole, to expedite the exchange of priſoners.

Reſolved, That 1000 dollars be advanced to Robert Erwin, waggon-maſter general, for the public ſervice; he to be accountable.

Reſolved, That the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania be requeſted to have eight carriages for field pieces got ready with all poſſible expedition, at the expence of the continent, to be delivered as faſt as made to the order of the board of war.

The commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department having tranſmitted to Congreſs the minutes of their proceedings,

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the ſtanding committee for indian affairs.

The committee appointed to confer with the managers of the lottery brought in a farther report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved,

Resolved, That the gratuity to the managers of the lottery for their trouble in the conduct of that buſineſs be left to the future judgment of Congreſs:

That the managers be authoriſed to appoint agents for the ſale of the tickets in the ſeveral ſtates, and offer them one tenth per cent. on the tickets or billets by each reſpectively ſold:

That the public be at the riſque of conveying the tickets or billets to the agents in the different ſtates:

That the agents pay the money received by them for the ſale of tickets or billets to the commiſſioners of the loan-office of the ſtate where they are ſold, taking receipts therefor, and tranſmit them to the managers of the lottery at Philadelphia.

Reſolved, That the ſtate of New-York be impowered to raiſe another battalion on the continental eſtabliſhment:

That the convention or council of ſafety of New-York be impowered to appoint an aid major to each of the battalions raiſed by that ſtate, the pay or expence of which to be borne by that ſtate.

Agreeable to the order of the day Congreſs proceeded to the election of officers for the artillery battalion ordered to be raiſed in Virginia, and the ballots being taken, the following were elected—

Charles Harriſon, eſq; Colonel;—Edward Carrington, eſq; Lieutenant Colonel;—Chriſtiern Holmer, Major.

Samuel Denny, William Pierce, Nathaniel Burwell, Buller Clairborne, Joſeph Scott, William Murray, Spotſwood Dandridge, Matthew Smith, Sir John Pettus, and William Waters, captains.

Reſolved, That the governor and council of Virginia be requeſted to recommend proper perſons for ſubaltern officers.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to purchaſe for the public ſervice ſix waggons with four horſes and proper harneſs to each waggon, and to employ ſuitable drivers.

An addreſs from Nicholas Biddle, John Barry, Thomas Read, Charles Alexander, and John Nicholſon, was laid before Congreſs and read:

Ordered, That it be referred to the marine committee, who are directed to purſue ſuch meaſures as they ſhall think proper in conſequence thereof.

The Aſſembly of Pennſylvania having by Mr. Morris informed Congreſs that they have appointed a committee of their body to confer with a committee of Congreſs on the requiſition of Congreſs to call forth immediately the aſſociators of the city and liberties of Philadelphia and of the counties of Philadelphia, Bucks, Cheſter and Northampton;

Ordered,

Ordered, That the board of war confer with the committee of the Aſſembly of Pennſylvania on this ſubject, and agree on ſuch meaſures as ſhall be deemed moſt for the public ſervice.

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due,

To Styner and Ciſt, for paper and printing minutes of Congreſs, &c. and trouble and expences in attending the making the paper for the loan office notes, 130.15 dollars:

To lieutenant Peacock, a priſoner, of the 7th regiment, for his allowance from 25th December, 1775, to 28th November, 1776, 48 weeks at 2 dollars, 96 dollars:

To doctor William Currie, for his bill of medicines and proviſions to ſick ſoldiers of colonel Scott's and colonel Lawſon's virginia regiments: 67.37 dollars:

That there ſhould be advanced to major John Lamb, for the payment of the men of his artillery company, 2000 dollars; he to be accountable:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That the committee of intelligence be directed and impowered to eſtabliſh expreſſes to go daily to and from head quarters.

Reſolved, That when any reſolutions are paſſed which reſpect the United States or any of them, or the armies of the ſaid ſtates, they be ſent by expreſs if the regular poſt is interrupted or not ready, provided the preſident ſhall judge it neceſſary.

A petition from John Noble Taylor was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of war.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

SUNDAY, *December* 1, 1776.

Congreſs on a ſummons met this day, when two letters of the 30th from general Waſhington at Brunſwick were read; whereupon

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to order the german battalion to march immediately to join general Waſhington, and that the ſaid board uſe every meaſure in their power to expedite their march with all poſſible diſpatch:

Reſolved, That the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania be requeſted to take effectual meaſures for ſupplying guards for the public ſtores, &c. in the room of the german battalion:

That the ſecret committee be directed to appoint one or more truſty perſons to proceed immediately to the eaſtern ſtates, and ſee that the cloathing and ſtores which have been

been ordered to be purchaſed for the army be collected and forwarded to the army with all poſſible diſpatch; and that the ſaid perſon or perſons have power to purchaſe or cauſe to be purchaſed ſuch neceſſary cloathing as can be procured in thoſe ſtates, and to have it forwarded to the army:

That general Waſhington be informed he has the full approbation of Congreſs to order the troops on the eaſt ſide of Hudſon's river over to the weſt ſide of that river whenever he ſhall think it conducive to the public ſervice ſo to do:

That general Waſhington be directed to order the cloaths which have been or ſhall be ſent to head quarters, or to any of the camps, to be diſtributed firſt among ſuch of the ſoldiers as ſtand moſt in need of them:

That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to purchaſe all the hats and caps he can procure proper for ſoldiers, and to employ as great a number of taylors as poſſible in making up cloaths for ſoldiers; and forward thoſe articles from time to time as faſt as ready to general Waſhington:

That the medical committee be directed to take ſuch ſteps as they ſhall judge proper for the accommodation of the ſick of the army.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

MONDAY, *December* 2, 1776.

Reſolved, That 800 dollars be advanced to colonel L. Cadwallader, for the uſe of the men belonging to his battalion; he to be accountable:

That 800 dollars be advanced to captain Doyle, for the uſe of his independent company; he to be accountable:

That 500 dollars be advanced to Robert Jewell, for which he is to be accountable:

That 5333.30 dollars be advanced to the commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department.

A letter of the 1ſt from general Waſhington was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of war, and that they communicate the contents to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania, and take ſuch meaſures in conſequence thereof as they ſhall judge proper.

Captain Montgomery having offered his ſervice, with that of his crew, as an artillery company,

Reſolved, That they be taken into the ſervice of the continent for two months, unleſs ſooner diſcharged.

Reſolved, That he the ſaid James Montgomery be appointed captain, that Samuel Carſan be appointed captain-lieutenant, and John Douglaſs lieutenant, of ſaid company:

That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to advance one month's

pay to captain Montgomery's men upon their inliſting, and that a like advance be made to the other companies of artillery:

That the marine committee be impowered to advance 20 dollars to each ſeaman who will enter to ſerve on board the Randolph, captain Biddle, the ſame to be deducted out of their ſhare of the prize money.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to purchaſe immediately ten or twelve covered waggons for the artillery:

That the board of war give orders for removing by water to chriſtiana bridge, the 2000 barrels of beef now under the care of commiſſary Wharton.

Reſolved, That the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania be requeſted to ſend expreſſes immediately to the counties that have been deſired to ſend forth their aſſociators, urging them forthwith to march, in order to oppoſe the haſty advances of the enemy.

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the governor and council of Virginia to take the moſt effectual meaſures for purchaſing and collecting for continental uſe, all the copper and other materials fit for caſting braſs field artillery that can be got in that ſtate, and that Congreſs will defray the coſt and expence of the ſame.

Reſolved, That 100 dollars be advanced to the delegates of Virginia, for the uſe of the deputy paymaſter general in that ſtate.

A letter of the 1ſt from general Waſhington was read.

Mr. Read, a delegate from Delaware ſtate, attended and produced the credentials of the appointment of delegates from that ſtate, which were read as follows:

"In Council, November 8, 1776. Whereas George Read, John Dickinſon, and John Evans, eſquires, have been choſen by joint ballot of both houſes of Aſſembly to repreſent the Delaware ſtate in the Continental Congreſs: Reſolved, that they, or any one or more of them, are hereby fully authoriſed and impowered, for and in behalf of this ſtate, to concert, agree to and execute every meaſure which they or he, together with a majority of the Continental Congreſs, ſhall judge neceſſary for the defence, ſecurity, intereſt and welfare of this ſtate in particular, and of America in general; with power to adjourn to ſuch times and places as ſhall appear moſt conducive to the public ſafety and advantage. Sent for concurrence.

"In Aſſembly, November 9, 1776. Read and concurred in, John M'Kinly, Speaker.

"A true copy. Slator Clay, clerk of the council."

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania to ſend immediately one of their gallies along the Jerſey ſhore between this and Trenton, to bring over all the river craft, veſſels and boats from the jerſey to the pennſylvania ſide of Delaware, in order to prevent their becoming ſerviceable to the enemy in their attempts to croſs the ſaid river:

That it be earneſtly recommended to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania, to order the battalions of this city immediately to march and join general Waſhington:

That the ſaid council of ſafety be requeſted to furniſh the waggon-maſter general with one thouſand waggons for the uſe of the army; and as in the preſent emergency of public affairs, ſuch a ſupply of waggons is abſolutely neceſſary, that it be recommended to the ſaid council of ſafety to impreſs the waggons, if they cannot be otherwiſe ſpeedily procured.

Adjourned to 6 o'clock.

Eodem Die, P. M.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to receive from Mr. Hyman Levy the goods in his hands purchaſed for the ſtate of New-York, paying him the ballance due for the ſaid goods; and that Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to ſend the ſaid goods, together with thoſe he has now ready, to general Waſhington, taking eſpecial care that they be ſent in ſo ſafe and ſecure a manner as to avoid any danger of falling into the hands of the enemy.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *December* 3, 1776.

A letter of the 2d from general Waſhington; one of the ſame date from adjutant general Reed, and one from J. Meaſe, were read.

Reſolved, That 50,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. J. Meaſe, for the public ſervice; he to be accountable:

That 2000 dollars be advanced to lieutenant colonel Antil, for the purpoſe of recruiting his regiment; he to be accountable:

That 14,000 dollars be advanced to major Charles Symmes, for the uſe of the 12th virginia battalion; he to be accountable.

Mr. Clarke, a delegate from the ſtate of New-Jerſey, attended and produced the credentials of the appointment of delegates from that ſtate, which were read as follows:

"At

"At a joint meeting of the council and assembly of the state of New-Jersey, held at Burlington, on the 30th day of November, 1776, the honourable Nathaniel Scudder in the chair, the joint meeting proceeded by ballot to the election of five delegates to represent this state in Congress, to serve for one year, unless a new appointment shall be made before the expiration of that time; and the following persons were duly elected, viz. The honourable Richard Stockton, Jonathan Dickinson Serjeant, esq; doctor John Witherspoon, Abraham Clark, esq; Jonathan Elmer, esq;

"*Resolved*, That any one or more of the said delegates, who shall attend in Congress, be fully impowered to represent and vote in behalf of this state. That the said delegates or such of them as have not already taken the oaths of abjuration and allegiance mentioned in the act of assembly lately passed, intitled "an act for the security of the government of New-Jersey," do take the said oaths before they take their seats,

"Signed by order of the council and assembly of the state of New-Jersey. "Charles Pettit, Secretary."

Resolved, That the board of war be directed to have the prisoners now at Bristol removed from thence back into the country.

Resolved, That Mrs. Chamier be permitted to go to her husband at New-York; and that Mrs. Lewis at Flushing on Long-Island be required in exchange.

Resolved, That Mr. Mease be impowered and directed to settle with and pay the militia of the maryland flying-camp:

That the commissary of provisions in Philadelphia supply with rations, in lieu of mileage, such of the maryland troops as chuse to go home:

That such of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the said troops as will inlist for three years be immediately cloathed; and that Mr. Mease be directed to detain as many of the cloaths now in his hands as will be necessary for that purpose:

That each of the non-commissioned officers and soldiers of the maryland militia who will not inlist for three years, but will engage to march to the immediate reinforcement of general Washington, and remain under his command one month, be supplied by Mr. Mease with a shirt, a pair of shoes, and a pair of stockings, on paying for the same:

That such of the militia as shall engage to serve to the 10th of March next, unless sooner discharged by Congress, be intitled to a pair of shoes and stockings, and to the same

ſame rations and the ſame monthly pay with the other troops on the continental eſtabliſhment, to commence from the time of their enrollment; and that one months pay be advanced to each volunteer, upon his inrollment.

Reſolved, That to-morrow be aſſigned for giving the Indians in town an audience; and that the committee on indian affairs be directed to prepare a proper ſpeech to be delivered to them.

Reſolved, That the officers of the maryland troops be requeſted immediately to parade thoſe troops, and to uſe their utmoſt influence to perſuade their adoption of the terms propoſed by Congreſs.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be directed, in caſe he has not entered into a negotiation with general Howe, for exchanging governor Franklin for general Thomſon, to ſuſpend the execution of that matter till farther orders.

A petition from William Dod was read, praying for leave to viſit his brother who is confined in priſon:

Reſolved, That the petitioner have leave to viſit and converſe with his brother in the preſence of the goaler.

Reſolved, That Thurſday next be aſſigned for taking into conſideration the ſtate of the treaſury.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *December* 4, 1776.

A letter of the 3d from general Waſhington was read;

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania to detain from marching with the militia the printers engaged in printing certificates for the continental loan-offices, and to direct them to continue executing the buſineſs in which they are employed.

The committee of treaſury reported, that they have had under conſideration the accounts of John Harvie, John Montgomery, and Jaſper Yates, eſquires, commiſſioners for indian affairs in the middle department; that the ſaid commiſſioners have produced accounts of the expenditure of 13464.7 dollars for the charges and expences of the late treaty held with the Indians at Pittſburg, and for their allowance for their time and expences attending the ſaid treaty: that in this account are included the expence of goods purchaſed by Mr. Morgan for private preſents; for expences and pay to Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Long, and Mr. Girty on different meſſages; for kettles rations and linen ſupplied the continental battalion at Kittanning; for expences of Mr. Morgan coming to Philadelphia, going to New-York with two indian chiefs, and returning with them to Pittſburg;

burg; his going to the indian towns to invite them to a treaty; for ſundry ſums paid to the militia officers, and for the ſeveral accounts due from the department to this time, except the militia accounts yet unſettled, and the ſalaries due to Mr. Morgan and the former agent; and alſo 800.2 dollars due to ſundry perſons before their appointment, whoſe accounts were ſettled by a committee of Congreſs for indian affairs. The ballance due to George Morgan, eſquire, is 207.74 dollars, firſt deducting 400 dollars paid him by Congreſs 21ſt September laſt, for which he is debited:

That they credit the ſums of 3000 dollars received of Congreſs in Auguſt, and 5333.30 dollars the 2d inſtant, alſo 5.30 dollars for the freight of a ſtill to Redſtone, and two ſums amounting to 67.45 dollars, which are twice charged in the accounts:

That the ballance due to the commiſſioners is 5057.82 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid ſum be paid.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THURSDAY, *December* 5, 1776.

A letter of the 4th from general Waſhington, incloſing a copy of a letter from major Clark, was read.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to pay to each captain of the maryland troops of the flying camp who cannot produce pay-rolls, ſuch a ſum as they think will be equal to the arrears due to their reſpective companies; taking a receipt from the reſpective captains for the money advanced.

Reſolved, That two months pay be advanced to Monſieur Romand de Liſle, and to Monſieur Koſciuſzko.

The Indians being introduced, delivered a ſpeech; and Saturday next was appointed to return them an anſwer.

Reſolved, That it be earneſtly recommended to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania to procure the uſe of the pennſylvania hoſpital for the purpoſe of accommodating the ſick belonging to the continental army.

Reſolved, That the medical committee be impowered to procure ſuitable perſons to take care of the ſick, and to remove them to ſuch convenient places in the country as they ſhall think proper.

Some inhabitants of New-Jerſey being ſent under guard to Philadelphia, charged with the crime of inliſting men for general Howe, and ſome of inliſting themſelves in the ſervice of the enemy;

Reſolved,

Resolved, That they be sent under guard to Frederick in Maryland, there to be safely confined, and that until they can be sent away, they be kept confined in the state prison in Philadelphia.

Resolved, That captain Ottendorf be directed to raise an independent corps, consisting of 150 men, serjeants and corporals included:

That the same be divided into three companies; the first company to consist of 60 men, light infantry, commanded by one captain and two lieutenants; the other two companies of hunters, of 45 men each, to be commanded each by a captain and two lieutenants:

That captain Ottendorf have the rank of major, be captain of the light infantry company, and command the whole.

That an adjutant be appointed for this corps, who is to act as quartermaster and paymaster, with the rank of lieunant, and pay of other adjutants.

Ordered, That the board of war write to the general, and desire him to send Isaac Corren of the artillery, to Philadelphia.

Resolved, That 150 dollars be advanced to Gunning Bedford, muster master general, he to be accountable.

Resolved, That the time for drawing the lottery be altered to the 10th of April.

Resolved, That Congress will to-morrow, previous to any other business, resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the treasury, the ways and means of raising supplies for the ensuing year, and supporting the credit of the continental currency.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *December* 6, 1776.

A letter of the 5th from general Washington, and one of the 27th of November from General Gates at Albany, with a paper inclosed, sent from the commanding officer at St. John's, were read:

Agreeable to the order of the day Congress resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the treasury, the ways and means of raising supplies for the ensuing year, and supporting the credit of the continental currency; and after some time the president resumed the chair, and Mr. Nelson reported that the committee have had under consideration the matters to them referred, and have come to sundry resolutions thereon; but not having perfected the business, desired him to move for leave to sit again.

Resolved,

Resolved, That Congress will to-morrow resolve itself into a committee of the whole, to take into consideration the state of the treasury, the ways and means of raising supplies for the ensuing year, and supporting the credit of the continental currency.

Resolved, That 50,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. J. Mease, for the public service, he to be accountable.

Upon representation made by Daniel and Samuel Hughes that Melchor Salady, a private soldier in captain Farmer's company of colonel Miles's battalion, would be very serviceable to them in executing their contract for making cannon for Congress:

Resolved, That Melchor Salady be discharged by the proper officer from the company, provided he enter into the service of the said Hughes.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *December*, 7, 1776.

A letter of the 6th from general Washington at Trenton, and one of the 21st to 25th November from general Schuyler at Saratoga, with sundry papers inclosed, were read;

Ordered, That they be referred to the board of war.

Resolved, That the board of war be impowered and directed to exchange such of the canadians as they shall think proper.

Ordered, That the president write to the four New-England governments, and request them to use their utmost influence in raising their respective quotas of troops, and to hasten their march with all possible diligence to the places appointed for their rendezvous by general Schuyler.

Resolved, That 100,000 dollars be advanced to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, to be applied towards furnishing the several officers with bounty money for inlisting men on the new establishment; the said council to be accountable.

Resolved, That captain Biddle be impowered to inlist into the continental service, such of the sailors in prison as he shall think proper.

The committee of treasury reported, that there is due, and to be paid to the order of Allen M'Donald, senior, Allen M'Donald, junior, Alexander M'Donald, Rennel M'Donald, and Archibald M'Donald, hostages sent by general Schuyler to Reading, for the allowance due to themselves and their three servants, from the 25th of September to the 10th of December inclusive, 143 dollars:

That there should be advanced to Thomas Smith, for supplies

ſupplies to the troops of the 5th and 6th virginia regiments, left ſick at Wilmington, the ſum of 677.25 dollars:

That there is due to lieutenant colonel Jacob Boyer, for furniſhing his battalion of militia with 7495 rations of proviſions, on their march from Berks county to the camp in New-Jerſey, 739.45 dollars:

To Thomas Edwards, for victualling the ſecond battalion of militia of Lancaſter county, commanded by colonel Curtis Grubb, on their march to Bergen in New-Jerſey, and for the hire of two baggage waggons, 1319.61 dollars, to be paid to Philip Marſhteller.

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

Reſolved, That 1000 dollars be advanced to the committee for procuring cannon for the public ſervice, the ſaid committee to account for the expenditure.

Reſolved, That for the more ſpeedy and effectual diſcharge of buſineſs, the following rules be invariably obſerved;

That Congreſs be opened every morning at 10 o'clock, Sundays excepted:

That Mr. Preſident take the chair preciſely at that time.

Agreeable to the order of the day, the Indians were introduced, and the following ſpeech was delivered to them;

Brothers of the ſix nations, Delawares and Shawaneſe. We the delegates of the thirteen United States of America, are extremely pleaſed to ſee you. We take you by the hand, and bid you welcome to our great council fire.

Brothers. You ſay that God Almighty has been pleaſed to bring us together. You ſay well. He ſuperintends and governs men and their actions. He now ſees us. He judges of the ſincerity of our hearts, and will puniſh thoſe who deceive.

Brothers, Sachems and Warriors. You have heard what our commiſſioners have ſaid to you at Pittſburg, by our directions. You have liſtened to their arguments, and your own reaſon will ſuggeſt, that the conduct they have recommended to you muſt be productive of your happineſs and welfare. We think that you muſt be fully convinced that your ſafety, as nations, depends on preſerving peace and friendſhip with the white people of this iſland.

We are ſorry to hear of the death of your great men, and are well pleaſed that our commiſſioners have wiped the tears from your eyes, and covered the graves of our departed friends.

Our hearts are good towards all the Indians in the woods who have friendly diſpoſition toward us.

We love peace, and wiſh that the chain of friendſhip be-

tween us and you may contract no ruſt. On our part we will do every thing to keep it bright and ſtrong.

But ſhould we be attacked by any tribe of Indians in the woods, we hope to convince them that we can repel their attempts with eaſe. Friendſhip however with you is what we earneſtly deſire, our commiſſioners have told you ſo, and they have not deceived you.

We now inform you, that we wiſh to ſit down with you under the ſame tree of peace; to water its roots and cheriſh its growth, ſo that it may ſhelter us and you, and our and your children.

Brothers. We have prepared ſome preſents for you, which our commiſſioners will deliver before your departure.

The Indians, having returned thanks for the ſpeech delivered, informed Congreſs that they had ſomething to ſay on Monday next, and withdrew.

Reſolved, That the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania be deſired to ſuſpend the farther execution of the requeſt made to them the 2d inſtant to procure one thouſand waggons:

That the waggons procured in conſequence of the ſaid requeſt be ſent to the quartermaſter general.

Reſolved, That Mr. Meaſe be directed to return to Mr. Levy the goods he had from him, and receive back the money advanced on that account, the ſaid goods being ſent for by the ſtate of New-York, on whoſe account and by whoſe order they were purchaſed.

The committee of treaſury reported that there is due,

To brigadier general Thompſon, for his pay for the months of October and November, 250 dollars:

To lieutenant Roſs Currie, of the ſecond battalion of pennſylvania regular forces, for the ballance of his pay from March to November inclusive, 90 dollars:

To Samuel M'Kinzie, ſurgeon to the ſecond battalion of pennſylvania regular forces, for four months pay at 33 dollars a month, 132 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid accounts be paid.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *December* 9, 1776.

A letter of the 8th from general Waſhington; one of the 22d November from general Ward, incloſing one of the 9th of the ſame month from general Gates; one of the 18th of the ſame month from G. Morgan at Pittſburg, and a petition and remonſtrance from the captains and ſubalterns of

of colonel Mackay's battalion; a letter of the 17th November from lieutenant colonel Wilson of the said battalion; and a letter of the 22d November from John Avery at Boston; were read;

Also a letter of the 25th November from colonel M. Hazen was read, and referred to the committee on the northern army.

Resolved, That another member be added to the said committee:

The member chosen, Mr. R. H Lee.

Resolved, That the sum of 117.11 dollars be paid to colonel Hasselger, in full of his account for boards, &c. bought for the public service, and for his expences.

Resolved, That 1000 dollars be advanced to major Ottendorf, for the purpose of recruiting his companies; he to be accountable.

Resolved, That Houelman Arnold be appointed a lieutenant of the company commanded by major Ottendorf:

That 2000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of New-Jersey for the public service; they to be accountable:

That 5,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. J. Mease for the public service; he to be accountable.

Resolved, That Mr. Rifberg, the assistant quartermaster in Philadelphia, be directed to send by water to christiana bridge the military stores sent from the army, and that they be safely lodged there till farther orders.

Resolved, That 5000 dollars be advanced to Mr. Carpenter Wharton for public service; he to be accountable.

Resolved, That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to give the continental officers and all others employed in removing the public stores from Philadelphia, whether by land or water, all the assistance in their power.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare an address to the inhabitants of America, and a recommendation to the several states to appoint a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer:

The members chosen, Mr. Witherspoon, Mr. R. H. Lee, and Mr. Adams.

Resolved, That Mr. J. Mease be impowered and directed to settle and pay the arrears due to colonel Hay's battalion of the flying camp.

Resolved, That Thomas De Naif be appointed a lieutenant of artillery under Monf. Romand de Lisle.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the state of the prisoners sent from New-Jersey.

The members chosen, Mr. Witherspoon, Mr. Clarke, and Mr. F. L. Lee.

Whereas

Whereas in conſequence of many complaints that engroſſers had diſtreſſed the public by raiſing ſalt to an exorbitant price, the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania, with the approbation of Congreſs, took the management of the affair into their hands, and have endeavoured by as juſt and equal a diſtribution as poſſible of the ſalt imported from time to time to ſupply the different parts of the country; yet it is found upon trial, either from the artful conduct of intereſted perſons not diſcovered, or from the impoſſibility of the thing itſelf, that the remedy has been ineffectual, and on the contrary, ſalt continues ſcarcer and dearer in this port than when no regulations have been tried: therefore

Reſolved, That it be recommended to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania to take off all reſtraint upon the ſale of ſalt; and give public notice that it ſhall be lawful for any perſon to import and ſell it, in ſuch manner and at ſuch price as ſhall ſuit voluntary purchaſers.

Reſolved, That 200 dollars be advanced to Mr. Govett, aſſiſtant to the auditor general; he to be accountable.

Reſolved, That in caſe this Congreſs ſhall be under the neceſſity of removing from Philadelphia, it ſhall be adjourned to Baltimore.

Whereas general Waſhington hath repeatedly applied, and hath yeſterday renewed his application, for an immediate reinforcement for the defence of Philadelphia and the ſtate of Pennſylvania;

Reſolved, That the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania be requeſted this day to ſend expreſſes, that can be relied on, to the ſeveral counties, earneſtly requeſting that they march what troops they can collect, armed and provided in the beſt manner poſſible, to the army under the command of general Waſhington.

Reſolved, That Mr. J. Meaſe be directed to furniſh captain Henderſon's company, of the 11th pennſylvania battalion, with blankets and ſtockings.

Reſolved, That expreſſes be immediately ſent to the committees of the counties of Cæcil, Baltimore, Hartford and Frederick in Maryland, requeſting that they apply without delay to the militia of their reſpective counties, and ſend forward immediately for the defence of the city of Philadelphia, and the reinforcement of general Waſhington's army, as many troops as poſſible, informing the ſaid committees that ſome aſſiſtance in the way of arms may be furniſhed here, to ſuch as have no arms to bring with them:

That an expreſs be ſent to the council of ſafety of Delaware, requeſting them to ſend forward immediately for the

the purpoſe aforeſaid, as many troops as poſſible, giving them the like information with reſpect to arms.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to take care of the arms belonging to the continent, and have them properly ſecured.

Reſolved, That William Chambers be appointed captain, Alexander Wilſon, firſt lieutenant, and Adam Hoops, ſecond lieutenant in the 3d battalion of the regiment commanded by colonel M. Hazen.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *December* 10, 1776.

A letter of the 8th from general Lee at Morris-town, one of the 9th from general Waſhington, with a letter of the 6th from general Heath, were read.

Reſolved, That the priſoners ſent from the ſtate of New-Jerſey by general Waſhington, and ordered to Frederic-town in Maryland, be conveyed there by captain Mountjoy Baily, with a guard of 18 ſoldiers:

That the ſaid guard be furniſhed with arms, cartridges, knapſacks and blankets:

That 1000 dollars be advanced to the committee of the middle diſtrict of Frederic county, to defray the charges of conveying the priſoners there, and the expence of furniſhing rations to the priſoners and the guard, the ſaid committee to be accountable.

Reſolved, That general Mifflin be directed to repair immediately to the neighbouring counties, and by all the means in his power rouſe and bring them in, to the defence of Philadelphia.

As the Congreſs deem it of great importance to the general good and ſafety, that general Mifflin ſhould make a progreſs through the ſeveral counties of the ſtate of Pennſylvania, to rouſe the freemen thereof to the immediate defence of this city and country;

Reſolved, That the aſſembly be requeſted to appoint a committee of their body to make the ſaid tour with general Mifflin, in order to aſſiſt him in this good and neceſſary work.

Reſolved, That the preſident return to Congreſs the 25000 dollars received for the uſe of the marine committee.

Reſolved, That major general Putnam be directed to have the ſeveral recruits and other continental troops in Philadelphia immediately paraded, and that he proceed without delay to make the proper defences for the protection and ſecurity of this city:

That

That the council of safety of Pennsylvania be requested to give major general Putnam all the assistance in their power for the execution of the above necessary business, by calling forth the inhabitants, and by any other means in their judgment proper.

Resolved, That 2000 dollars be advanced to the delegates of Georgia, for the use of that state, which is to be accountable.

Resolved, That 135.30 dollars be paid to Robert Patton, for his services as messenger, from the 15th of May to the 4th of December, instant.

The committee appointed to prepare an address to the inhabitants of America, brought in a draught, which was read, and being debated by paragraphs was agreed to:

Ordered, That the said committee have it published and dispersed.

The committee of treasury reported that there should be advanced to Mrs. Stevenson, the sum of 200 dollars, on account of her husband James Stevenson, one of the commissioners of accounts; he to be accountable:

That there is due to John Montgomery and Jasper Yates, commissioners of indian affairs in the middle department, for their account of debts due to sundry persons on the visit of the indian chiefs from Pittsburg to Congress, 1178.24 dollars:

To the reverend Mr. Fowler, indian missionary, being a ballance due to him for his services at the treaty with the Indians at Pittsburg, 36 dollars:

To John Gibson, esquire, for eight months house-rent for the treasury office, as auditor general to the 9th instant, wood for the use of the office, &c. &c. the sum of 369.61 dollars:

To St. Luke la Corne, captain Frazier, and major Campbell, for the allowance for themselves and three servants from 24th September to 3d December, 90 dollars; the same to be paid to colonel Donald Campbell:

Ordered, That the said accounts be paid.

Resolved, That the president write to general Washington, and desire him to send a party to watch the roads leading from New-Jersey to Philadelphia above Trenton, and give Congress the earliest notice of the enemy's motions.

Resolved, That 2000 dollars be advanced to lieutenant colonel Antill, for the purpose of recruiting the battalion commanded by colonel M. Hazen; he to be accountable.

Resolved, That two of the continental battalions now raising in Connecticut be stationed for the defence of the said state, in such parts thereof as governor Trumbull shall judge

judge moſt conducive to that purpoſe, till Congreſs ſhall order otherwiſe.

Reſolved, That the treaſurer, upon the order of the government of Connecticut, pay out of the firſt monies which ſhall be received into the loan-office in that ſtate, 40,000 dollars; the ſaid ſtate to be accountable for the expenditure thereof.

Reſolved, That Antoine Seelim be appointed a captain of a rifle company in the corps commanded by major Ottendorf.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *December* 11, 1776.

The committee appointed to prepare a reſolution for appointing a day of faſting and humiliation, brought in a report, which was read and agreed to, as follows;—

Whereas the war in which the United States are engaged with Great-Britain, has not only been prolonged, but is likely to be carried to the greateſt extremity; and whereas it becomes all public bodies, as well as private perſons, to reverence the providence of God, and look up to him as the ſupreme diſpoſer of all events, and the arbiter of the fate of nations; therefore

Reſolved, That it be recommended to all the United States as ſoon as poſſible to appoint a day of ſolemn faſting and humiliation; to implore of Almighty God the forgiveneſs of the many ſins prevailing among all ranks, and to beg the countenance and aſſiſtance of his providence in the proſecution of the preſent juſt and neceſſary war.

The Congreſs do alſo in the moſt earneſt manner recommend to all the members of the United States, and particularly the officers civil and military under them, the exerciſe of repentance and reformation; and further, require of them the ſtrict obſervation of the articles of war, and particularly that part of the ſaid articles which forbids profane ſwearing and all immorality, of which all ſuch officers are deſired to take notice.

It is left to each ſtate to iſſue out proclamations fixing the day that appears moſt proper within its bounds.

Ordered, That the above be publiſhed by the committee who brought in the report.

A letter of the 10th from general Waſhington at the falls of Delaware, was read.

The committee appointed to examine the priſoners ſent from New-Jerſey reported, that they have performed that ſervice, and find ſome conſiderable diſtinction between them; whereupon *Reſolved*,

Resolved, That the said committee be impowered to discharge from jail such of the said prisoners as do not appear to have been engaged in measures against the United States of America; the said prisoners first signing a declaration, that they will not hereafter engage in such measures, nor give the enemies of America aid, information, council, or assistance in any way or manner whatsoever; and that such as the said committee judge proper give security not to depart the city of Philadelphia without leave of Congress.

Resolved, That general Putnam be directed to order parties of active, spirited men, with proper guides, to cross from Philadelphia to New-Jersey; and under the conduct of good officers, to act as harrassing parties, and get the best intelligence of the motions and situation of the enemy, directing them to send frequent daily intelligence through him to Congress of the discoveries they shall be able to make of the enemy's movements and situation.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

WEDNESDAY, *December* 12, 1776.

A letter of the 11th from general Washington was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of war.

Resolved, That 20,000 dollars be advanced to Gustavus Risberg, and charged to the account of R. Dallam, esquire:

That 50 000 dollars be advanced to the council of safety of Pennsylvania for the public service; the said council to be accountable:

That 5000 dollars be advanced to doctor Nicholas Way of Wilmington, for the public service; he to be accountable.

Resolved, That the two companies raised in the town of Westmoreland be ordered to join general Washington with all possible expedition.

Resolved, That the continental apothecary be directed immediately to pack up all the continental medicines, and send them to the quartermaster general:

That the quartermaster general be directed to remove all the medicines belonging to the continent in Philadelphia to a place of security:

That the frigate Randolph be put under the direction of the continental general commanding in Philadelphia, to act as he shall direct for the defence of this city, and preventing the enemy from passing the Delaware.

Resolved, That 53.30 dollars be advanced to Mr. Sproat, clerk at the war-office, for his service; he to be accountable.

Mr. Walton, a delegate from Georgia, attended and produced a letter from the secretary of the convention of that

that ſtate, informing him of his appointment, with others, to repreſent that ſtate for the enſuing year:

Reſolved, That he be admitted to a ſeat.

Reſolved, That Eliſha Sheldon be appointed lieutenant colonel commandant of a regiment of cavalry on the continental eſtabliſhment, with the rank and pay of a colonel of foot; and that general Waſhington be authoriſed to appoint the other officers to the ſaid regiment; and that the colonel with his officers proceed without delay to raiſe and diſcipline the ſaid regiment; and that they repair to and join the army under the command of general Waſhington by companies, as ſoon as each company ſhall be compleat:

That general Waſhington be impowered to advance to colonel Sheldon ſuch ſums of money as may be neceſſary for the ſervice.

Reſolved, That the marine committee be directed to employ one or more faſt-ſailing veſſels to proceed immediately on a cruize off the capes of Delaware, and give notice to all ſhips and veſſels inward bound of the ſtate of this port, in order that they may proceed to ſome other place or places of more ſafety.

Reſolved, That general Putnam be directed to ſend doctor John Conolly under guard to Baltimore in Maryland, there to be confined.

Reſolved, That the continental general commanding in Philadelphia be directed to defend the ſame to the utmoſt extremity againſt the attempts of the enemy to get poſſeſſion of it; and that for this end he apply from time to time to the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania for their aid and aſſiſtance.

Reſolved, That Mr. R. Morris be impowered to borrow a ſum not exceeding 10,000 dollars for the uſe of the marine committee; and Congreſs will indemnify him.

Reſolved, That Timothy Dod be releaſed from confinement.

Reſolved, That the arms, ammunition and cloathing in or near the city of Philadelphia be put under the direction of general Putnam; and that Mr. James Meaſe, Mr. R. Towers, and all other perſons having continental ſtores in care, make immediate return of the ſame to general Putnam of the quantities and kinds of each, and where the ſame are placed, that the general may take order therein, either for ſafety or uſe, as he ſhall judge proper.

Reſolved, That general Putnam be authoriſed to employ all the private armed veſſels in this harbour for the defence and ſecurity of the city; and that he take the moſt effectual meaſures for manning them and putting them in fit condition for the above purpoſe.

Major general Putnam and brigadier general Mifflin being called to a conference, and having by ſtrong arguments urged the neceſſity of the Congreſs retiring,

It was thereupon *Ordered*, That Mr. Wilſon inform the aſſembly and council of Pennſylvania of the propoſed adjournment of Congreſs, and the place to which they have reſolved to adjourn; and acquaint them that Congreſs will at all times, on their application, be ready to comply with their requiſitions for the ſecurity of this city and ſtate, againſt the common enemy.

Whereas the movements of the enemy have now rendered the neighbourhood of this city the ſeat of war, which will prevent that quiet and uninterrupted attention to the public buſineſs which ſhould ever prevail in the great continental council:

Reſolved, That this Congreſs be for the preſent adjourned to the town of Baltimore in the ſtate of Maryland, to meet on the 20th inſtant, unleſs a ſufficient number to make a Congreſs ſhall be there ſooner aſſembled; and that until the Congreſs ſhall otherwiſe order, general Waſhington be poſſeſſed of full power to order and direct all things relative to the department and to the operations of war: and that the ſeveral matters to this day referred be poſtponed to the day to which Congreſs is adjourned.

BALTIMORE.

FRIDAY, *December* 20, 1776.

Congreſs met according to adjournment.

The delegates from Georgia produced the credentials of their appointment, which were read as follows:

"In Convention, Savannah, October 9, 1776. The convention proceeded to ballot for delegates to repreſent this ſtate in the Continental Congreſs for the year enſuing; when on cloſing the poll it appeared that John Houſton, Lyman Hall, Button Gwinnet, George Walton, and Nathan Brownſon, eſquires, were duly elected and declared ſo accordingly. A true copy from the minutes,

"Edward Langworthy, ſecretary."

Sundry letters were laid before Congreſs and read; viz.

Three from general Waſhington, of the 12th, 13th, and 15th:

One of the 13th from general Sullivan:

Four from R. Morris at Philadelphia, of the 13th, 14th, 16th and 17th:

One of the 8th from general Wooſter:

Ordered, That they be referred to a committee of four:

The members choſen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Harriſon, and Mr. S. Adams. *Reſolved*,

Resolved, That Benjamin Griffith be appointed to supply the prisoners from North-Carolina with provisions, cloathing, blankets and fuel sufficient to protect them from the inclemency of the weather; and that the apartments in which they are confined be glazed, and in other respects secured from the weather, so that the health of the prisoners may be preserved, and they experience that humanity which hath ever marked the conduct of this Congress to its prisoners.

Resolved, That the president write to general Washington, and desire him to send a flag to general Howe, and inquire in what manner general Lee, who has been taken prisoner, is treated: and if he finds that he is not treated agreeable to his rank and character, to send a remonstrance to general Howe on the subject; and farther, to inquire of general Howe whether he will grant permission to send general Lee such supplies of money as may be necessary to support him during his confinement in a manner suitable to his rank in the service of the United States:

That the president also write to Mr. R. Morris, and request him to send one hundred half-johannes to general Washington for the use of general Lee.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *December* 21, 1776.

A letter of the 1st of October last from S. Deane, esq; also one of the 19th from the committee of Frederick county, with sundry resolutions passed by the said committee respecting the marching of the militia of that county to join general Washington, were read.

Congress being informed that a number of prisoners were arrived at Baltimore from Philadelphia;

Resolved, That the committee of Baltimore town be requested to secure in a convenient room under a guard, the said prisoners, except the two Goodrich's, who are to be committed to jail; that Mr. B. Griffith be impowered to supply them with provisions and other things absolutely necessary for them until farther orders of Congress.

Resolved, That 6000 dollars be advanced to colonel Thomas Price for the purpose of recruiting his battalion; he to be accountable.

The committee of treasury reported, that they have had under consideration the account of colonel W. Richardson for guarding the continental treasury from Philadelphia to Baltimore; that the expence of the guard, with provender for the teams, amounts to 378.83 dollars; that he credits

300 dollars received by a warrant on the treaſurer, and that there remains due to the ſaid colonel W. Richardſon 78.83 dollars:

Ordered, That the ſaid account be paid.

A letter of the 15th from general Armſtrong at Philadelphia was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of war.

The committee to whom were referred the letters from general Waſhington and Mr. Morris, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That proper magazines of proviſions for the army be immediately formed in or near Pennſylvania, and that Congreſs approve of the general's ſending general Armſtrong to fix upon the moſt ſecure and convenient places for ſuch magazines, to animate the militia, and facilitate the recruiting ſervice in Pennſylvania:

That Congreſs approve of general Waſhington's ſending general Smallwood to Maryland to encourage and promote the ſpeedy raiſing of the new levies therein; and that general Smallwood be requeſted to uſe his utmoſt endeavours in executing that buſineſs:

That Robert Morris, George Clymer, and George Walton, eſquires, be a committee of Congreſs, with powers to execute ſuch continental buſineſs as may be proper and neceſſary to be done at Philadelphia:

That 200,000 dollars be immediately ſent to Mr. J. Meaſe, ſubject to the diſpoſition of the ſaid committee, for providing the militia going into ſervice; for paying the ſoldiers from Ticonderoga, and for ſuch other public uſes as they ſhall think proper:

That if the above ſum ſhould be inſufficient, the ſaid committee have power to call on the commiſſioner of the loan-office in Pennſylvania for ſuch farther ſums as the continental ſervice there may demand:

That the ſaid committee keep up a regular correſpondence with Congreſs, informing them from time to time of their proceedings herein:

That the reſolve reſpecting the appointment of this committee and its powers be tranſmitted to Meſſieurs Morris, Clymer and Walton by Mr. Preſident; and that he inform the ſaid gentlemen that Congreſs approve their care of the public buſineſs as ſignified in Mr. Morris's letters. Alſo, that Mr. Morris be informed Congreſs highly approve his plan of fitting the continental frigates at Philadelphia regularly for ſea, with all poſſible expedition:

That Mr. ſecretary Peters be directed by the board of war to repair to Baltimore as ſoon as poſſible.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That 19,000 dollars be advanced to Mr. John Boyd, paymaster of colonel Mackay's battalion, for the use of the said battalion; he to be accountable.

Resolved, That two chaplains be appointed to Congress, and that Monday next be assigned for electing them.

Congress took into consideration the letter from the committee of Frederick county; whereupon

Resolved, That 18,000 dollars be transmitted to the committee of Frederick, for the use of the militia of the counties of Frederick, Washington and Montgomery, who march to reinforce general Washington; the said committee to be accountable: that the said committee transmit to general Washington a particular account of the money advanced to the militia.

Resolved, That officers of troops inlisted for three years or during the war, receive pay on the new establishment from the time of their being appointed by their respective states, in consequence of the resolution of Congress passed the 16th of September last.

Resolved, That such alteration be made in the rations of the virginia troops as the governor and council of that state shall direct, provided the expence does not exceed that of the ration established for the continental army.

Resolved, That 3000 dollars be advanced to colonel W. Richardson, for the purpose of recruiting his regiment; he to be accountable.

Resolved, That Mr. Hooper be impowered to examine into the state of the North-Carolina prisoners, and have such of them as are sick removed to a private house and kept under guard; and that he provide a physician to attend them.

Resolved, That general Washington be directed to pay the militia that may reinforce his army, in the same manner as his other troops are paid; and that on their discharge one penny a mile be allowed in lieu of rations to support them on their march to their respective places of abode.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Monday.

MONDAY, *December* 23, 1776.

Agreeable to the order of the day Congress elected the reverend Mr. P. Allison and the reverend Mr. W. White, chaplains.

Ordered, That Mr. Witherspoon, Mr. S. Adams, and Mr. Hooper inform the said gentlemen of their appointment, and desire their attendance.

Mr. Hooper having reported that the present situation

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of the prisoners is very disagreeable and dangerous to their health on account of the prison being much out of repair; it was thereupon

Resolved, That until the apartments in the jail of the town of Baltimore shall be repaired, and put in such a condition as not to endanger the health of those who may be confined in them, the prisoners from the state of North-Carolina be removed from thence to different rooms in the court-house, or wherever else they can be procured, and there safely locked up and secured; and that the committee of inspection of the said town be requested to direct proper apartments for their reception, and from time to time keep up a good and sufficient guard over them; and in order to secure them more effectually, that the prisoners, agreeable to their own voluntary proposal, shall be upon their parole not to make any attempts to escape from confinement, nor interfere in the present war with Great-Britain by carrying on any correspondence, conversation, or otherwise with the enemies of America; and that during their confinement Benjamin Griffith, who by a late resolve of Congress was directed to supply the prisoners when confined in jail, continue to supply and accommodate them with necessaries for their support.

Resolved, That Robert Patton be appointed door-keeper, and James Long messenger, to Congress.

Resolved, That to-morrow be assigned for appointing skillful persons to be sent to examine the Salisbury and Mr. Livingston's founderies, agreeable to the resolution of the 28th of November last.

Resolved, That Mr. John Boyd, the paymaster of colonel Mackay's battalion, be impowered to receive from Mr. William Smith at Hanover, such a number of shoes as may be wanted for the use of the said battalion.

Resolved, That the assemblies, conventions, committees or councils of safety, and other persons that are or may be intrusted with money for the militia reinforcing the armies of the United States, transmit the receipts of the officers receiving the same to the paymaster or deputy paymaster general of the respective armies; who are hereby directed to make proper stoppages and give certificates of the delivery of such receipts, specifying therein the names of the persons signing them, the dates and sums mentioned in the same, and the persons to whom the receipts were given; which certificates shall be received by the commissioners of the treasury as sufficient vouchers for discharging the respective accounts from the sums expressed in the same.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow. TUESDAY,

TUESDAY, *December* 24, 1776.

A letter of the 20th from the council of safety of Pennsylvania; one of the 21st from Mr. R. Morris; one of the 10th from general Schuyler, with sundry papers inclosed, were received and read;

Resolved, That the last be referred to the committee on the affairs of the northern army.

Resolved, That two members be added to the said committee:

The members chosen, Mr. Heyward and Mr. Whipple.

Resolved, That 200,000 dollars be advanced to the council of safety of Pennsylvania, for the public service; the said council to be accountable.

Resolved, That Mr. Hillegas, the treasurer, be impowered to employ proper persons to sign the bills which remain unsigned in the treasury, and that he return their names to Congress.

Resolved, That a letter be immediately written by Mr. President to the assemblies of New-Hampshire, Massachusetts-Bay and Connecticut, informing them of the critical state of the fortress of Ticonderoga and the other posts in that quarter; and the extreme danger of general Carlton's possessing himself of that fortress as soon as lake Champlain shall be so frozen as to be capable of bearing horses: that, by a letter from general Schuyler, Congress is informed that the troops now occupying those posts will not tarry after the 31st of this month; and in the most pressing terms urging the necessity of hastening up troops from their respective states with the utmost dispatch, in the following proportions, viz. 2500 from Massachusetts-Bay, 1500 from Connecticut, and 500 from New-Hampshire, making 4500; informing them that Congress desire they will not wait till the several corps are compleated; and that there is now a plentiful stock of provisions at Ticonderoga, and nothing to fear from the enemy till the lake shall be frozen as above mentioned.

Resolved, That two members be added to the committee appointed on the 17th of October, for the better regulating the treasury board:

The members chosen, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Ellery.

Resolved, That 533.30 dollars be advanced to Thomas Nichols, deputy quartermaster general, for the public service, and charged to the account of brigadier general Mifflin, quartermaster general, to whom said Nichols, who is an officer in his department, is to be accountable.

Sundry french letters were laid before Congress, and read;

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid letters be referred to the committee for procuring cannon.

Reſolved, That a member be added to the ſaid committee: The member choſen, Mr. Lewis.

Reſolved, That two other magazines of ammunition, in addition to that agreed to on the 21ſt, be formed, one in the eaſtern ſtates, and one in the ſouthern ſtates:

Ordered, That the delegates of the eaſtern ſtates confer together, and alſo thoſe of the ſouthern ſtates, and fix upon proper places, and report to Congreſs on Thurſday next.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock on Thurſday next.

THURSDAY, *December* 26, 1776.

Sundry letters were read, viz.

One of the 16th from general Waſhington, with an extract of a letter from commiſſary general Trumbull:

One of the 13th from commiſſary general Trumbull at Morriſtown:

One of the 8th from governor Cooke:

One of the 20th from general Waſhington, with a plan for the eſtabliſhment of artillery, and a memorandum:

One of the 21ſt from general N. Green:

Two of the 22d from the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania, with ſundry letters from Ticonderoga:

One of the 2d from colonel Anthony Wayne at Ticonderoga, with ſundry papers incloſed:

One of the 6th from colonel J. Wood at ditto:

One of the 23d from Samuel Waſhington of Berkely county, Virginia:

One of the 10th from colonel John Brown of Albany, with papers incloſed:

Alſo a letter from Donald M'Leod, Alexander M'Leod, Kenneth M'Donald, and a petition from Thomas Slater, priſoners.

Reſolved, That 400,000 dollars be advanced to Joſeph Trumbull, eſquire, commiſſary general; he to be accountable.

Reſolved, That J. Trumbull, eſquire, commiſſary general, be impowered to import, at the continental riſque, from Virginia and Maryland, and the other ſouthern ſtates, ſuch quantities of flour and other proviſions as he may judge neceſſary for the ſupport of the army.

Reſolved, That the delegates of Virginia be impowered and directed to write to the governor and council of their ſtate, and requeſt them to contract with proper perſons, for

for the delivery of 10,000 barrels of flour on James's, York, Rapahannock, and Potowmack rivers, to the order of Joſeph Trumbull, commiſſary general, or of a larger quantity, ſhould he require a farther ſupply; the ſaid Joſeph Trumbull to ſend veſſels to take it in, and to pay for, or draw orders on the preſident of Congreſs for the payment of the ſame.

Ordered, That the letters read be referred to a committee of the whole.

Congreſs then reſolved itſelf into a committee of the whole to take into conſideration the letters; and after ſome time ſpent thereon, the preſident reſumed the chair, and Mr. Harriſon reported, that the committee have had under conſideration the letters to them referred, but not having had time to finiſh, deſire leave to ſit again to-morrow at ten o'clock.

Reſolved, That this Congreſs will to-morrow at ten o'clock reſolve itſelf into a committee of the whole, to take into farther conſideration the letters read this day.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take into conſideration, the ſtate of the army, and report thereon to-morrow morning:

The members choſen, Mr. Richard H. Lee, Mr. Wilſon, and Mr. S. Adams.

Reſolved, That a committee of five be appointed to prepare a plan for the better conducting the executive buſineſs of Congreſs, by boards compoſed of perſons, not members of Congreſs:

The members choſen, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Wilſon, Mr. Gerry, Mr. Nelſon, and Mr. Morris.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

FRIDAY, *December* 27, 1776.

Reſolved, That 3333.30 dollars be advanced to Mr. James Nourſe for the uſe of the militia of Berkly and Frederic counties, in Virginia, who are about to march to reinforce general Waſhington, the ſaid Mr. J. Nourſe to be accountable for the expenditure.

Reſolved, That the reſolution paſſed the 3d of December, granting a pair of ſhoes and ſtockings to the militia of Pennſylvania, and the ſame rations and monthly pay as the other troops on the continental eſtabliſhment, to commence from the time of their inrollment, be extended to the virginia militia, who march to reinforce general Waſhington.

Sundry letters were read, viz.

One of the 23d from Mr. R. Morris:

One of the 3d from general Schuyler at Saratoga:

One from Henricus Gode of St. Euſtatia of November 30th:

One of the 18th from Richard Dallam, deputy paymaſter general, at Newtown in Bucks county, Pennſylvania:

One of the 5th from Jonathan Trumbull:

One of the 25th of November from Joſeph Trumbull:

Alſo a petition from Faneuil and others, to the aſſembly of Maſſachuſetts-Bay, and a reſolution paſſed by the ſaid aſſembly in conſequence thereof.

The committee on the ſtate of the army, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That a brigadier-general of artillery be appointed, and the ballots being taken,

Colonel Henry Knox was elected.

Reſolved, That general Waſhington be impowered to uſe every endeavour, by giving bounties and otherwiſe, to prevail upon the troops, whoſe term of inliſtment will expire at the end of the month, to ſtay with the army ſo long after that period, as its ſituation ſhall render their ſtay neceſſary:

That the new levies in Virginia, Maryland, the Delaware ſtate, Pennſylvania, and New-Jerſey, be ordered to march by companies, and parts of companies, as faſt as they ſhall be raiſed, and join the army under general Waſhington with the utmoſt diſpatch:

That the foregoing reſolution be tranſmitted by the preſident to the executive powers of the ſtates before mentioned, who are requeſted to carry it into execution; to appoint commiſſaries to precede the troops, and procure proviſion for them on their march; and that they be impowered to draw money for this purpoſe from the neareſt continental paymaſter:

That general Waſhington be impowered to appoint a commiſſary of priſoners, and a clothier general for ſupplying the army; to fix their ſalaries, and return their names to Congreſs:

That general Waſhington be requeſted to fix upon that ſyſtem of promotion in the continental army, which in his opinion, and that of the general officers with him, will produce moſt general ſatisfaction; that it be ſuggeſted to him, whether a promotion of field officers in the colonial line, and of captains and ſubalterns in the regimental line, would not be the moſt proper:

That Congreſs approve of general Waſhington's directing the quartermaſter general to provide tents for each regiment, and for other neceſſary purpoſes:

That the 2d and 7th virginia regiments, with all the convaleſcents from the other corps left in that ſtate, and now fit for duty, be ordered to march and join the army under general Waſhington, with the utmoſt diſpatch, leaving the arms that they have at preſent with the governor and council of that ſtate, as they will be provided with others at the head of elk:

That

That three of the regiments upon the new eſtabliſhment in North-Carolina, be ordered to march immediately to join general Waſhington:

That the ſtate of Virginia be impowered to call into ſervice, at the continental expence, three regiments of militia, or minute men, if ſuch a meaſure ſhall by that ſtate be judged neceſſary:

The unjuſt, but determined purpoſe of the britiſh court to enſlave theſe free ſtates, obvious through every deluſive inſinuation to the contrary, having placed things in ſuch a ſituation that the very exiſtence of civil liberty now depends on the right execution of military powers, and the vigorous deciſive conduct of theſe being impoſſible to diſtant, numerous and deliberative bodies:

This Congreſs, having maturely conſidered the preſent criſis, and having perfect reliance on the wiſdom, vigour and uprightneſs of general Waſhington; do hereby

Reſolve, That general Waſhington ſhall be, and he is hereby veſted with full, ample, and complete powers to raiſe and collect together in the moſt ſpeedy and effectual manner, from any or all of theſe United States, ſixteen battalions of infantry in addition to thoſe already voted by Congreſs; to appoint officers for the ſaid battalions; to raiſe, officer, and equip 3000 light horſe; three regiments of artillery, and a corps of engineers; and to eſtabliſh their pay: to apply to any of the ſtates for ſuch aid of the militia as he ſhall judge neceſſary; to form ſuch magazines of proviſions, and in ſuch places as he ſhall think proper; to diſplace and appoint all officers under the rank of brigadier general, and to fill up all vacancies in every other department in the American armies; to take, wherever he may be, whatever he may want for the uſe of the army, if the inhabitants will not ſell it, allowing a reaſonable price for the ſame; to arreſt and confine perſons who refuſe to take the continental currency, or are otherwiſe diſaffected to the American cauſe; and return to the ſtates, of which they are citizens, their names, and the nature of their offences, together with the witneſſes to prove them:

That the foregoing powers be veſted in general Waſhington, for and during the term of ſix months from the date hereof, unleſs ſooner determined by Congreſs.

Reſolved, That the council of ſafety of Pennſylvania be requeſted to take the moſt vigorous and ſpeedy meaſures for puniſhing all ſuch as ſhall refuſe continental currency; and that the general be directed to give all neceſſary aid to the council of ſafety, for carrying their meaſures on this ſubject into effectual execution.

Mr. Hillegas having returned the names of perſons by him employed to ſuperintend the preſs, and to ſign the bills of credit, they were agreed to; and are,

Superinten-

Superintendants of the preſs, Thomas Harriſon, William Smithe, and John Merryman, junior:

Signers of money. William Aſquith, John Griffith, Hercules Courtney, John Cockey, James Kelſo, Richard Cromell, James Colhourn, George Welſh, Theodore Barrell, Thomas Donnellan, John Boyd, Benjamin Levy, Samuel Hillegas, and William Govett.

Reſolved, That 266.60 dollars be advanced to John Griffith, for the uſe of the ſick ſoldiers in Baltimore he to be accountable.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, *December* 28, 1776.

Reſolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a circular letter to the ſeveral United States, explaining the reaſons which induced Congreſs to enlarge the powers of general Waſhington, and requeſting them to cooperate with him, and give him all the aid in their power:

The members choſen, Mr. R. H. Lee, Mr. Wilſon and Mr. Adams.

Reſolved, That the five millions of dollars, which by the reſolution of the 2d of November laſt the treaſury board were ordered to prepare and have ready for emiſſion, be now emitted on the faith of the United States.

Reſolved, That the council of ſafety of the ſtate of Maryland be, and they are hereby requeſted, to furniſh Mr. John Griffith with fifty blankets for the uſe of the ſick ſoldiers in Baltimore, who ſtand in immediate need thereof.

Reſolved, That 400 dollars be advanced to colonel Carvill Hall, for the uſe of his battalion; he to be accountable.

The committee to whom the report of the gentlemen who were directed to repair to Ticonderoga and the papers therein mentioned, were referred, brought in a report, which was taken into conſideration; whereupon

Reſolved, That, in the opinion of Congreſs, the northern army may be ſupplied more advantageouſly and conveniently, in the preſent mode of the commiſſary general's governing himſelf by ſuch regulations as have been, and may be, from time to time, ordained by the general or commander in chief, than by contractors:

That the commiſſary general be directed, without fail, to ſupply the northern army this winter with vegetables twice in every week, or more frequently if poſſible; and to take effectual meaſures that they be well ſupplied with vinegar:

That two large floating batteries be built on lake Champlain, to cover the boom and the bridge; and that general Schuyler be deſired to contract with builders for this purpoſe in New-York or Maſſachuſetts-Bay, or both, and that general Schuyler provide the materials: That

That the committee for ſupplying cannon be directed to procure ten braſs 6 inch howitzers, with ſhells and a proper attrail, for the uſe of the northern army:

That a fort be conſtructed on mount Independence: that the navigation of the lake near that place be obſtructed by caſſoons, to be ſunk in the water at ſmall diſtances from one another, and joined together by ſtring-pieces, ſo as, at the ſame time, to ſerve for a bridge between the fortifications on the eaſt and weſt ſide: that to prevent the enemy from drawing their ſmall craft over land beyond three mile point into lake George, the paſſage of that lake be alſo obſtructed in like manner by caſſoons from iſland to iſland in the narrows, if practicable, or by floating batteries: that fort Stanwix be ſtrengthened, and other fortifications be made at proper places near the mohawk river; and that general Schuyler, or the commanding officer of the northern army, execute theſe works this winter; and that the commanding officers of artillery, chief engineer, quartermaſter general, and commiſſary general, provide and perform whatever things in their reſpective departments are neceſſary or may contribute to the accompliſhment thereof:

That the general court or council of the ſtate of Maſſachuſetts-Bay be requeſted to procure ſuch a quantity of oakum, and any other articles, as general Schuyler, who is deſired to write to them on the ſubject, ſhall require; and to forward the ſame to ſuch places as he ſhall direct:

That the board of war be impowered and directed to write to Philadelphia for accoutrements and neceſſaries to ſupply the ſix troops of light horſe ordered from Virginia.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SUNDAY, *December* 29, 1776.

Reſolved, That the committee appointed to conſider the letter from general Schuyler, dated the 10th of December, be directed to ſend a ſuitable perſon or perſons to Mr. Livingſton, owner of the foundery in the ſtate of New-York, and to governor Trumbull, under whoſe direction is the foundery at Saliſbury; alſo to the council of the ſtate of Maſſachuſetts-Bay; to procure ſuch cannon and ordnance ſtores as are required by the general in his ſaid letter; they being immediately neceſſary for the northern department.

Reſolved, That to morrow be aſſigned for appointing more general officers.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

MONDAY, *December* 30, 1776.

A letter of the 21ſt from brigadier general Lewis was read; alſo two letters of the 26th and 27th from Mr. R. Morris.

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The committee appointed to consider the letters from general Schuyler, relating to the northern army, brought in a report; whereupon

Resolved, That general Schuyler, or the commanding officer of the northern army, be directed to cause an elaboratory to be erected at such place as he shall judge most convenient, to fix all the necessary ammunition for the ensuing campaign.

Resolved, That fifteen companies, consisting of a captain or overseer and thirty men each, be engaged upon such terms as general Schuyler shall think just and equitable, for the batteau service; and be occasionally employed on the high-ways and other works in the quartermaster general's department; and that four companies of carpenters, to consist of an overseer and twenty-five men each, be engaged in like manner to attend the northern army.

For the better regulating waggons in the northern army,

Resolved, That two waggons be allowed to each company on a march, and one waggon to the colonel, one to the lieutenant colonel and major, one to the staff of a regiment, and one for the particular use of the director of the hospital. Each waggon to be drawn by two horses, (except that for the colonel, which is to be allowed four horses,) and subject to such orders as shall from time to time be issued by the general or commanding officer.

Resolved, That if any commissioned or non-commissioned officer shall employ more carriages than are mentioned in the foregoing resolution, he shall not be allowed to make a public charge of it, but shall pay the customary price himself; and on his refusal or neglect so to do, he shall be subject to be fined by a court-martial in treble the sum; one third part of such fine to be for the use of the owner of the waggon or other carriage so employed, and the other two thirds to the paymaster for the public use; the part adjudged to the owner of the carriage shall be paid to him by any quartermaster on the certificate of the president of the court-martial, who shall transmit the whole fine to the paymaster, in order that the same may be deducted from the pay of the delinquent.

Congress being informed that some of the prisoners have broken out of jail and made their escape,

Resolved, That the committee of observation for Baltimore county be requested to direct immediate and strict search for the prisoners, who last night escaped from the jail in Baltimore town; and to offer a reward for the apprehending and securing the said prisoners; and that the said committee make inquiry into the conduct of the jailer, or any other person suspected of permitting or assisting their escape; and that they take such measures as they shall think proper to bring the offenders to punishment.

Resolved,

Resolved, That 200 dollars be paid into the hands of the committee appointed to consider the letter from general Schuyler of the 10th of December, for the payment of the expences of some suitable person or persons to be sent by them to Mr. Livingston, governor Trumbull, and the council of the state of Massachusetts-Bay, agreeable to a resolution passed yesterday; the said committee to be accountable.

The committee appointed to prepare a circular letter to the several states, reported a draught, which was read, amended and agreed to;

Ordered, That copies be made, signed by the president, and transmitted to each of the United States.

It appearing to Congress that it will be extremely difficult, if not impracticable, to supply the army of the United States with bacon, salted beef, pork, soap, tallow and candles, unless the exportation thereof be prohibited; therefore

Resolved, That none of the said articles, except such as may be necessary for the crew of any ship or vessel, be exported from any of these United States after the 5th day of January next, until the first day of November next, or until Congress shall take further order therein. And it is earnestly recommended to the executive powers of the several United States to see that this resolution be strictly complied with.

Resolved, That the board of war be impowered to agree with and employ, as an assistant clerk, Mr. Nourse, late general Lee's secretary.

The several matters to this day referred being postponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

TUESDAY, *December* 31, 1776.

A letter of the 27th from general Washington, and one of the 28th from the committee of Congress at Philadelphia, with sundry papers inclosed, were read.

Resolved, That doctor Mackenzie be, and he is hereby authorised, to purchase such medicine as is immediately wanted for the sick soldiers belonging to the army of the United States now in Baltimore, and return an account thereof to Congress.

Resolved, That general Smallwood be directed to exert his utmost endeavours, and give the necessary orders and instructions to expedite the raising the levies in the state of Maryland; and that it be earnestly recommended to the legislature and council of safety, the several committees of observation, the civil, military and militia officers of said state, and every friend of liberty and the United States, to give general Smallwood every assistance in their power.

Resolved, That 300 dollars be advanced to lieutenant colonel

lonel Antil, of colonel Hazen's battalion, for the uſe of the ſaid battalion; and that the ſame be charged to the account of colonel Hazen, who is to be accountable.

Reſolved, That the requiſition of general Schuyler for a ſupply of 60 tons of cannon powder, and 34 tons of muſket powder, for the uſe of the northern army, be referred to general Waſhington; and that he be directed to furniſh that army with ſuch quantities of that article as can be ſpared.

Reſolved, That the board of war be directed to inform general Waſhington of the quantities of gunpowder belonging to the Congreſs on hand in the different parts of America, as far as may have come to their knowledge.

A memorial from lieutenant colonel Antil was preſented to Congreſs and read;

Ordered, That it be referred to the board of war.

A letter from William Kennon, of North-Carolina, to general Lee, was read;

Ordered, That it be referred to a committee of three:

The members choſen, Mr. Hooper, Mr. Heyward, and Mr. Harriſon.

Reſolved, That any reſtrictions heretofore impoſed upon the exportation of ſtaves and other lumber, except to Great-Britain, Ireland, and the britiſh iſlands, or any place under the dominion of Great-Britain, ceaſe.

Reſolved, That a letter be written to general Waſhington, deſiring him to order the clothier general to ſend agents into each ſtate to buy up linens and other clothing proper for the ſoldiery; and that he give ſimilar orders to the quartermaſter general to purſue the ſame mode for procuring a ſufficient quantity of tent cloth; and that they be ſeverally directed to apply to the ſtates to afford all neceſſary aſſiſtance therein. And Whereas great expence hath heretofore ariſen from public agents bidding againſt each other: the general is deſired to caution the clothier general and quartermaſter general that their agents aforeſaid fall not into the above miſtake in time to come.

A memorial from John Matthewſon and others was read; alſo a letter from Mr. Hughes:

Ordered, That they be referred to the marine committee.

An appeal being lodged againſt the judgment of the court of admiralty for the ſtate of Rhode-Iſland and Providence Plantations, on the libel Eſek Hopkins v. Richard Derby:

Ordered, That it be received, that it may be proſecuted before the committee on appeals.

The ſeveral matters to this day referred being poſtponed, adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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